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**PETITION FOR A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BY A PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY**

Name LEWIS SAMUEL W.  
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Prison Number E05524

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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Samuel W. Lewis

(Enter the full name of plaintiff in this action.)

vs.

Ben Curry, Warden

(Enter the full name of respondent(s) or jailor in this action)

**CV 08 3934**

Case No.

(To be provided by the Clerk of the Court)

**(PR)**

**PETITION FOR A WRIT  
OF HABEAS CORPUS**

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**When and Where to File**

You should file in the Northern District if you were convicted and sentenced in one of these counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Mateo and Sonoma. You should also file in this district if you are challenging the manner in which your sentence is being executed, such as the loss of good time credits, and you are confined in one of these counties. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a).

If you are challenging your conviction or sentence and you were not convicted and sentenced in one of the above-named fifteen counties, your petition will likely be transferred to the United States District Court for the district in which the state court that convicted and sentenced you is located. If you are challenging the execution of your sentence and you are not in prison in one of these counties, your petition will likely be transferred to the district court for the district that includes the institution in which you are confined. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b).

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1 Who to Name as Respondent

2 You must name the person in whose actual custody you are. This usually means the Warden or  
3 jailor. Do not name the State of California, a city, a county or the superior court of the county in which  
4 you are imprisoned or by whom you were convicted and sentenced. These are not proper respondents.

5 If you are not presently in custody pursuant to the state judgment against which you seek relief  
6 but may be subject to such custody in the future (e.g. detainers), you must name the person in whose  
7 custody you are now and the Attorney General of the state in which the judgment you seek to attack  
8 was entered.

9 A. INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CONVICTION AND SENTENCE

10 1. What sentence are you challenging in this petition

11 (a) Name and location of court that imposed sentence (for example, Alameda  
12 County Superior Court, Oakland):

13  
14 Superior Court

Los Angeles County

15 (Court)

(Location)

16 (b) Case number, if known A964645

17 (c) Date and terms of sentence 11/21/88, 15 years to life.

18 (d) Are you now in custody serving this time? (Custody meaning being in jail,  
19 on parole or probation, etc.) Yes X No       

20 Where?

21 Name of institution: Correctional Training Facility

22 Address: P.O. Box 686, Soledad, CA 93960-0686

23 2. For what crime were you given this sentence? (If your petition challenges a sentence for  
24 more than one crime, list each crime separately using Penal Code numbers if known. If you are  
25 challenging more than one sentence, you should file a different petition for each sentence.)

26 Second-degree murder.

3. Did you have any of the following?

Arraignment: Yes X No       

Preliminary Hearing: Yes X No       

Motion to Suppress: Yes X No       

4. How did you plead?

Guilty        Not Guilty        Nolo Contendere X

Any other plea (specify)       

5. If you went to trial, what kind of trial did you have?

Jury        Judge alone        Judge alone on transcript       

6. Did you testify at your trial? Yes        No       

7. Did you have an attorney at the following proceedings:

(a) Arraignment Yes X No       

(b) Preliminary hearing Yes X No       

(c) Time of plea Yes X No       

(d) Trial Yes        No       

(e) Sentencing Yes X No       

(f) Appeal Yes        No X

(g) Other post-conviction proceeding Yes        No X

8. Did you appeal your conviction? Yes X No       

(a) If you did, to what court(s) did you appeal?

Court of Appeal Yes X No       

Year: 1995 Result: Denial

Supreme Court of California Yes X No       

Year: 1996 Result: Denial

Any other court Yes X No       

Year: 1996 Result: Denial

(b) If you appealed, were the grounds the same as those you are raising in this

Petition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Was there an opinion? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

(c) Did you seek permission to file a late appeal under Rule 31(a)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

If you did, give the name of the court and the result:

N/A

9. Other than appeals, have you previously filed any petitions, application or motions with respect to this conviction in any court, state or federal? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

[Note; if you previously filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in federal court that challenged the same conviction you are challenging now and if that petition was denied or dismissed with prejudice, you must first file a motion in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for an order authorizing the district court to consider this petition. You may not file a second or subsequent federal habeas petition without first obtaining such an order from the Ninth Circuit. 28 U.S.C. §§ 2244(b).]

(a) If you sought relief in any proceeding other than an appeal, answer the following questions for each proceeding. Attach extra paper if you need more space.

I. Name of Court: Los Angeles Superior Court

II. Type of Proceeding: Habeas corpus

Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

a. Violation of due process (parole hearing).

b. Violation of due process (plea agreement).

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Result: Denied Date of Result: 04/10/08

II. Name of Court: California Court of Appeals.

Type of Proceeding: Habeas corpus.

Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

a. Violation of due process (parole hearing).

b. Violation of due process (plea agreement).

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Result: Summarily denied Date of Result: 05/15/08

III. Name of Court: California Supreme Court.

Type of Proceeding: Petition for review.

Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

a. Violation of due process (parole hearing).

b. Violation of due process (plea agreement).

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Result: Summarily denied Date of Result: 07/23/08

IV. Name of Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Proceeding: \_\_\_\_\_

Grounds raised (Be brief but specific):

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_

Result: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Result: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Is any petition, appeal or other post-conviction proceeding now pending in any court?

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of court: U.S. Dist. Court, Northern Dist. of Cal. C08-02191  
& 1 appeal in Ninth Circuit.

## B. GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

State briefly every reason that you believe you are being confined unlawfully. Give facts to support each claim. For example, what right or privilege were you denied? What happened? Who

made the error? Avoid legal arguments with numerous case citations. Attached extra paper if you need more space. Answer the same questions for each claim.

[Note: You must present ALL your claims in your first federal habeas petition. Subsequent petitions may be dismissed without review on the merits. 28 U.S.C. §§ 2244(b); McCleaskey v. Zant, 499 U.S. 467, 111 S. Ct. 1454, 113 L. Ed. 2d 517 (1991).]

Claim One: The Board of Parole Hearings' denial of parole suitability violated the some evidence standard and Petitioner's Constitutional right to due process under the 5th and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. (Continued on page 8.)

Supporting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Claim Two: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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Claim Three: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporting Facts: \_\_\_\_\_

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If any of these grounds were not previously presented to any other court, state briefly which grounds were not presented and why:

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1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 List, by name and citation only, any cases that you think are close factually to yours so that  
3 they are an example of the error you believe occurred in your case. Do not discuss the holding or  
4 reasoning of these cases:  
5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 \_\_\_\_\_


8 Do you have an attorney for this petition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X \_\_\_\_\_

9 If you do, give the name and address of your attorney:

10 In Pro Persona.

11 WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that the Court grant petitioner relief to which s/he may be entitled  
12 in this proceeding. I verify under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

13  
14 Executed on August 11, 2008  
15 Date

  
Signature of Petitioner

THE BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS DENIAL OF PAROLE  
SUITABILITY VIOLATED THE SOME EVIDENCE  
STANDARD AND PETITIONER'S CONSTITUTIONAL  
RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS UNDER THE 5TH AND 14TH  
AMENDMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

1) On November 21, 1988, Petitioner Samuel Lewis, in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Case Number A964645, was convicted of one count of second-degree murder by plea of no contest.

2) Petitioner was sentenced to a term of 15 years to life.

3) Petitioner's Minimum Eligible Parole Date was February 19, 1997.

4) On October 1, 2007, Petitioner went before the Board of Parole Hearings for his fifth parole suitability hearing. Petitioner was found unsuitable and received a one-year denial. (Exhibit 1, Parole Hearing Transcript, hereinafter referred to as PHT.)

5) The Board's stated reasons for denial were: "One of many factors that was considered does go back to the commitment offense. [T]his was...a cruel, cold-blooded killing that had multiple victims involved." "It was [ ] done in a calculated manner.

6) "However, this panel feels that this prisoner should be commended for a variety of things. Your educational endeavors really need to be commended. You have done exceptionally well considering you dropped out of school when you were in the 11th grade. Since you've come into prison you set a goal for yourself, apparently, and you went after it. And you're – you know, you're attaining those. You've got – you've received a GED. You've gotten two AA's and now you're close to getting your Bachelor's degree. You – and not just that, but your active participation in our discussion about the Alternatives to Violence Program and how you have a bit of passion for that. And I hope you continue with that, because I know it's an excellent program, and the fact that you are a facilitator in that says something about you. You're also – even though, you know, we sort of touched upon it, and I did some research in the documents about any substance abuse background, you really didn't. I mean, you experimented with it, but you weren't an addict in any way, whether that be an alcoholic or a drug addict. And yet, you have been consistently involved with substance abuse programming here, I believe it's AA and NA, since 1991. And even though we didn't ask you any direct questions about it, you spoke very freely about how certain steps have helped you, and you explained to the panel in what ways. And that's very commendable. You have been really an



1 excellent prisoner, a superb prisoner. [ ] You've got two vocations. You participated in the [B]rag  
2 program recently, the Father's Behind Bars. And again you've been doing a lot of good things, and  
3 you seem to have a desire to want to give back and do something with at risk youth." (Exhibit 1,  
4 PHT, p. 1,1 4-234, 8, 1. 1-20.)

5 "This panel believes you mean what you stated to us, and that I hope no matter what, sir,  
6 whether you're in prison or you're out of prison, I hope that you continue your quest to continually  
7 give back. And you can do some good things. And you have been. And I hope you continue with  
8 that. So don't get discouraged. This is a one year denial. Okay? And that, again we do recommend  
9 that you've got to get some more distance with those disciplinaries, even though, you know still eight  
10 years [old] having a serious disciplinary is still a bit soon. So, no 128's, no 115's. Continue in your  
11 educational quest. Continue to upgrade yourself in any way you can, and continue with your self-  
12 help, because you never know how you're going to become more enlightened than you already are."  
13 (Exhibit 1, PHT, Decision p. 9,1. 10-24.)

14 7) On January 18, 2008, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the Los Angeles  
15 Superior Court.

16 8) On April 10, 2008, the Los Angeles Superior Court denied the petition for writ of habeas  
17 corpus, Case Number BH005090. (Exhibit 15.)

18 9) On May 2, 2008, Petitioner filed a writ of habeas corpus in the California Court of Appeals.  
19 On May 15, 2008, the California Court of Appeals summarily denied the petition for habeas corpus,  
20 Case Number B207575. (Exhibit 16.)

21 10) On May 21, 2008, Petitioner filed a petition for review in the Supreme Court of California.  
22 On July 23, 2008, the Supreme Court of California summarily denied the petition for review, Case  
23 Number S163758. (Exhibit 17.)

#### 24 STANDARD OF REVIEW

25 This court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus "in behalf of a person in custody  
26 pursuant to the judgment of a state court only on the grounds that he is in custody in violation of the  
27 Constitution or law or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). The petition may not be  
28 granted with respect to any claim that was adjudicated on the merits in state court unless the state

1 courts' adjudication of the claim: "(1) resulted in a decision that was contrary to or involved an  
 2 unreasonable application of clearly established federal law, as determined by the Supreme Court of  
 3 the United States; or (2) resulted from a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of  
 4 the facts in light of the evidence presented in the state court proceedings." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d); see  
 5 Williams (Terry) v. Taylor, 529 U.S. 362, 409-413 (2000). Section 2254(d) applies to habeas petition  
 6 from a state prisoner challenging the denial of parole; see Sass v. California Board of Prison Terms,  
 7 461 F.3d 1123, 1126-1127 (9th Cir. 2006).

8 Petitioner submits that the Los Angeles Superior Court's adjudication of the claims resulted in  
 9 a decision that is contrary to clearly established federal law and involved an unreasonable application  
 10 of clearly established federal law as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States. Petitioner  
 11 further submits that the Los Angeles Superior Court's adjudication of the claims resulted in a decision  
 12 that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence presented in the  
 13 state court proceedings.

14 THE BOARD OF PAROLE HEARING'S DENIAL OF PAROLE  
 15 SUITABILITY VIOLATED THE "SOME EVIDENCE"  
 16 STANDARD AND PETITIONER'S STATE AND FEDERAL  
 17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS.

18 California's parole scheme creates a cognizable interest in parole. This interest is protected by  
 19 the procedural safeguards of the due process clause of the United States Constitution. (U.S.  
 20 Constitution, 5th and 14th Amendments; Biggs v. Terhune 334 F.3d 910, 914-915 (9th Cir. 2003).)  
 21 See Sass, 461 F.3d at 1127-1128; Board of Pardons v. Allen 482 U.S. 369 (1987); Greenholtz v.  
Inmates of Nebraska Penal and Corr. Complex 442 U.S. 1 (1979); California Penal Code § 3041(b).

22 A Parole Board's decision satisfies the requirement of due process if "some evidence"  
 23 supports the decision. Sass, 461 F.3d at 1125-1129 (adopting some evidence standard for disciplinary  
 24 hearings outlined in Superintendent v. Hill 472 U.S. 445, 454-455 (1985).

25 The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in Hayward v. Marshall 572 F.3d 536, 542-543 (9th Cir.  
 26 2008) determined "[W]hen [ ] assess[ing] whether a state Parole Board's suitability determination was  
 27 supported by "some evidence" in a habeas case, our analysis is framed by the statutes and regulations  
 28 governing parole suitability determinations in the relevant state." "Accordingly, regulations

1 promulgated by the Board pursuant to California Penal Code Section 3041(a) provide that a life  
2 prisoner shall be found unsuitable for and denied parole if in the judgment of the panel the prisoner  
3 will pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society if released from prison.” Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15,  
4 § 2402(a). The Board decides whether a prisoner is too dangerous to be suitable for parole by  
5 applying factors it has set forth in the California Code of Regulations.

6 “Even though these suitability and unsuitability factors are helpful in analyzing whether a  
7 prisoner should be granted parole, California courts have made clear that the ‘findings that are  
8 necessary to deem a prisoner unsuitable for parole,’ Irons, 505 F.3d at 850, are not that a particular  
9 factor or factors indicating unsuitability exist, but that prisoner’s release will unreasonably endanger  
10 public safety. In re Dannenberg 156 Cal.App.4th at 1400, 68 Cal.Rptr.3d at 198 (Cal.App.Nov. 16,  
11 2007), modified, 2007 WL 4227229, \_\_\_ Cal.Ct.App. \_\_\_, Cal.Rptr.3d. \_\_\_ (Cal.Ct.App. Dec 3, 2007);  
12 In re Lee 143 Cal.App.4th 1400, 1408, 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931 (Cal.Ct.App. 2006); In re Scott 1333  
13 Cal.App.4th 573, 595, 34 Cal.Rptr.3d 905 [.]” The court further determined that for its purposes  
14 “[t]he test is not whether some evidence supports the reason the [Board] cites for denying parole, but  
15 whether some evidence indicates a parolee’s release unreasonably endangers public safety. Some  
16 evidence of the existence of a particular factor does not necessarily equate the parolee’s release  
17 endangers public safety.’ Lee, 143 Cal.App.4th at 1408, 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931 (citations and footnote  
18 omitted); see also In re Elkins 144 Cal.App.4th 475, 499, Cal.Rptr.3d 503 (Cal.Ct.App. 2006).”

19 In the instant case, the Board used the commitment offense, and Petitioner’s last 115 (prison  
20 disciplinary) as “some evidence” to support their determination that Petitioner would pose an  
21 unreasonable risk of danger to society or threat to public safety if released from prison.

22 In finding Petitioner’s commitment offense to have been carried out “in an extremely cruel,  
23 brutal, cold and vicious manner [.]” The Board relied on their finding that multiple victims were  
24 attacked. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402, subd. (c)(1)(A)). After 19+ years the Board’s reliance on  
25 the commitment offense does not indicate Petitioner’s release would significantly endanger public  
26 safety.

27 In recent years, both California appellate courts and the federal district courts have found a  
28 commitment offense which involved multiple victims insufficient to sustain a denial of parole many

1 years later.

2 In October 2006, the appellate court in In re Lee 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931, 936, found that after 17  
3 years the second-degree murder and attempted premeditated murder for which he had been convicted  
4 no longer provided some evidence supporting parole denial.

5 In December 2006, another appellate court in In re Weider 52 Cal.Rptr.3d 147, 161, found that  
6 while “[t]he evidence that two additional victims were injured shows the crime was callous and  
7 showed Weider’s indifference to human life when he fired the gun in the restaurant. But this does not  
8 make the murder [ ]so excessively violent that it suggests Weider remains a public safety risk.”

9 In May of 2006, the U.S. Court for the Northern District in Martin v. Marshall (N.D. Cal.  
10 2006) 431 F.Supp.2d 1038, 1048, found that the commitment offense after 26 years did not provide  
11 “some evidence” sufficient to justify a denial of parole. In this case, petitioner Martin killed two  
12 people and wounded a third.

13 In May 2007, the appellate court in In re Barker 59 Cal.Rptr.3d 746 found that [t]he Board’s  
14 observation that “[m]ultiple victims were also killed is of course, accurate, [but] given the lapse of  
15 2[9] years and the exemplary rehabilitative gains made by [Barker] over that time, continued reliance  
16 on the aggravating facts of the crime no longer amount[s] to ‘some evidence’ supporting denial of  
17 parole. (Elkins, supra, 144 Cal.App.4th at p. 498, 50 Cal.Rptr.3d 503.)” In this case, Barker had been  
18 convicted of one count of first-degree murder and two counts of second-degree murder.

19 In each of these court cases, the petitioners were convicted of multiple counts. Lee was  
20 convicted of second-degree murder and attempted premeditated murder. Weider was convicted of  
21 second-degree murder and two counts of assault with a firearm. Barker was convicted of first-degree  
22 murder and two counts of second-degree murder. In the case at bar, Petitioner was convicted of one  
23 count of second-degree murder. Petitioner contends that the commitment offense is insufficient to  
24 sustain a denial of parole after almost two decades. This is based on his multiple psychological  
25 evaluations which the Board previously found to be totally supportive of parole (Exhibit 11, 2006  
26 Board Decision), and significant evidence in the record of Petitioner’s positive institutional behavior.  
27 Accordingly, the Board’s use of the commitment offense, without additional evidence demonstrating  
28 that Petitioner is presently a threat to public safety, does not provide the necessary some evidence to

1 support a finding if unsuitability.

2 On April 8, 2006, Petitioner was evaluated by a CDCR psychologist, (see attached Exhibit 2).  
3 This psychological evaluation conducted by M. Macomber, Ph.D., assessed Petitioner's potential for  
4 violence as "no greater than the average citizen in the community." "This conclusion is supported by  
5 the administration of the Level of Service Inventory - Revised, which is an actuarial measure that  
6 assesses criminal history, substance abuse history, academic achievements and social factors to  
7 determine the risk level on parole. His [Petitioner's] score on this assessment is 4.2 cumulative  
8 frequency for prison inmates. This means that if 100 men were released on parole, he would do better  
9 than 95 of them. This is a very low risk level. He no longer poses a risk to society." During October  
10 2005, a Life Prisoner Evaluation Report was completed by Correctional Counselor I, M. Rubio. (See  
11 Exhibit 3.) This evaluation concluded that "Lewis has a valid residence and viable work skills. He  
12 has met the BPT recommendations and should have a successful parole. This writer has witnessed his  
13 growth and maturity over the years. He has been a positive example to his peers, his daughter and his  
14 nephew(s)."

15 On February 25, 2004, Dr. E.W. Hewchuk, Ph.D., found that, "currently inmate Lewis has a  
16 risk potential no greater than the average citizen, and is a suitable candidate for release consideration."  
17 (Exhibit 4.)

18 On November 15, 2001, Dr. Joe Reed, Ph.D., found that Petitioner's "violence potential is  
19 considered to be below average relative to this Level II inmate population." (Exhibit 5.)

20 In addition to the psychological evaluations and life prisoner evaluation, Petitioner attaches  
21 three additional life prisoner evaluations. (Exhibits 6, 7, and 8 respectively). Additionally, Petitioner  
22 has received a number of laudatory documents from various correctional and other staff members,  
23 attesting to Petitioner's everyday attitude and behavior. They contain statements, such as (1) "There  
24 are many inmates who also have similar traits and a will to succeed, Lewis is the first I have witnessed  
25 to strive so hard and doggedly to achieve his life, educational and work goals. I feel inmate Lewis's  
26 determination to succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life once [he] attains his release;"  
27 (2) "I have no doubt inmate Lewis' exceptional work and personal ethics will allow him to be a  
28 productive member of society when released from custody;" (3) "I believe his sincere desire to

1 succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life when he is released;" (4) "It is my formal  
2 judgment that inmate Lewis could be a productive citizen if given the opportunity to do so." This  
3 documentation demonstrates that Petitioner has matured into a positive, responsible and productive  
4 person. (Exhibit 9.)

5 In addition to the documentary evidence, Petitioner contends that "[t]he reliability of the facts  
6 of [Petitioner's] crime as a predictor of his dangerousness is further diminished by Petitioner's age at  
7 the time of the offense." Rosenkrantz v. Marshall (C.D. Cal. 2006) 444 F.Supp.2d 1063, 1085.  
8 Petitioner was an 18-year-old high school drop out when he committed his offense. After dropping  
9 out of High School Petitioner began working in a gang-infested neighborhood. While working at a  
10 store Petitioner was confronted by the neighborhood gang many times, resulting in conflict. Peer  
11 pressure and the desire to be accepted eventually led Petitioner to associate with members of this  
12 street gang. This association eventually led to the commitment offense. "As the Supreme Court  
13 recently recognized, the evidentiary/predictive value of the conduct of such a young person is  
14 diminished." "The susceptibility of juveniles to immature and irresponsible conduct is not as morally  
15 reprehensible as that of an adult. Thompson [v. Oklahoma] 487 U.S. 815, 835, 108 S.Ct. 2687, 101  
16 L.Ed.2d 702 (1988)] (plurality opinion). Their own vulnerability and comparative lack of control over  
17 their immediate surroundings means juveniles have a greater claim than adults to be forgiven for  
18 failing to escape negative influences in their environment. See Stanford [v. Kentucky] 492 U.S. 361,  
19 395, 109 S.Ct. 2969, 106 L.Ed.2d 306 (1989)]."

20 As noted in Rosenkrantz v. Marshall, *supra*, at p. 1085; Roper v. Simmons 543 U.S. 561-562,  
21 125 S.Ct. 1183, 161 L.Ed.2d (2005); see also Thompson v. Oklahoma, 487 U.S. 815, 835, 108 S.Ct.  
22 2687, 101 L.Ed.2d 702 (1988) (Stevens, J.) (plurality opinion) ("[L]ess culpability should attach to a  
23 crime committed by a juvenile than to a comparable crime committed by an adult. The basis of this  
24 conclusion is too obvious to require extensive explanation. Inexperience, less intelligence and less  
25 education makes a teenager less able to evaluate the consequences of his or her conduct while at the  
26 same time he or she is more apt to be motivated by mere emotion or peer pressure than as an adult.")

27 With the passage of time the commitment offense has little, if any predictive value for future  
28 criminality. The parole board's continued reliance on the commitment offense violates due process,



1 because it has resulted in an arbitrary decision. The offense no longer constitutes "some evidence" of  
2 Petitioner's dangerousness. See Superintendent v. Hill (1985) 472 U.S. at 455; Biggs v. Terhune (9<sup>th</sup>  
3 Cir. 2003) 334 F.3d 910, 916-917; In re Lee (2006) 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 931, 939; In re Elkins (2006) 50  
4 Cal.Rptr.3d 503, 518; In re Lawrence (2007) 59 Cal.Rptr.3d 537, 575; In re Weider (2006) 52  
5 Cal.Rptr.3d 747, 161; In re Barker (2007) 59 Cal.Rptr.3d 746, 761.

6 For these reasons Petitioner's commitment offense no longer amounts to some evidence  
7 supporting the conclusion that Petitioner would presently pose an unreasonable risk of danger to  
8 society if released on parole.

9 The second finding used by the Board to find Petitioner would pose an unreasonable risk of  
10 danger to society was "the fact that your last 115 was in '99 and you have six 115's and we realize  
11 that the last one was administrative [.]" (Exhibit 2, p. 76.) This finding as used by the Board does not  
12 demonstrate that Petitioner's release unreasonably endangers public safety. As the commissioner  
13 pointed out, the last CDC 115 in 1999 was administrative, which means non-serious.

14 There is significant evidence in the record of Petitioner's positive institutional behavior, which  
15 reasonably mitigates the effects of Petitioner's past violations have on his suitability for parole.  
16 Petitioner has demonstrated exemplary behavior and evidence of rehabilitation for a significant period  
17 of time. He came to prison as an 18-year-old High School dropout. Since his incarceration Petitioner  
18 has completed his G.E.D., earned an Associates Degree in Business Management, graduating with  
19 honors and an Associates Degree in Paralegal Studies, again graduating with honors. He is presently  
20 working toward a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration with a major in marketing  
21 and needs only 10 classes to complete this degree. Petitioner has also completed vocational forklift  
22 operations and vocational dry cleaning. He has consistently received exceptional work supervisor  
23 reports. (See Exhibit 10.) As stated by the Board commissioner, "You are not the 18-year-old that  
24 you were - during that time." (Exhibit 2, p. 79:1 5-10.) "As for institutional behavior, you have  
25 programmed exceptionally well. Just since your last hearing, you've been a co-facilitator of  
26 Alternatives to Violence Project mini-workshop. You have complete 25 video reports. You've got  
27 certificates for 25 of those. You've got a certificate for 10 additional ones. You were a co-facilitator  
28 of a 21 hour Alternatives to Violence Project workshop. You did a Bible correspondence course,

1 Hope at Will. You've done a – several anger management course [ ] You also, and this has gone on  
2 since you've been incarcerated. You've got a – probably have more self-help courses in the things  
3 you have accomplished in self-help than all the inmates I've seen this week [.]” (Exhibit 2, p. 81, l.  
4 12-15.) Clearly, evidence of rehabilitation for a significant period of time.

5 The psychological reports prepared in November 2001, February 2004 and April 2006,  
6 acknowledged the rules violation reports and concluded that Petitioner would be a low risk of  
7 dangerousness upon release. In the 2001 Mental Health Evaluation, Dr. Joe Reed, Ph.D., determined  
8 that “While in CDC, [Petitioner] has obtained seven CDC-115 violations [.] On the other hand,  
9 however, [Petitioner] has not received a significant disciplinary for violent behavior in approximately  
10 seven years. He shows significant improvement over the last six years, and he appears to have  
11 profited from his participation in numerous self-help groups. He has shown consistent goal attainment  
12 ability by obtaining his AA degrees in 1999 and 2000. Moreover, his achievements indicate, over the  
13 last six years, good acceptance of responsibility, good behavior controls and a strong pattern of pro-  
14 social behavior. No further association with gangs was found. Therefore, in light of these factors, his  
15 violence potential is considered to be below average relative to this Level II inmate population.  
16 (11/15/01), (Exhibit 5).

17 In the 2004 psychological evaluation, Dr. E.W. Hewchuk, Ph.D. found that “Since  
18 [Petitioner's] last BPT psychological evaluation in 2001, inmate Lewis has continued to program well  
19 within the institutional framework, with no 115's on file. [ ] Currently, inmate Lewis has a risk  
20 potential no greater than the average citizen, and is a suitable candidate for release consideration.”  
21 (2/25/04), (Exhibit 4).

22 In the most recent Mental Health Evaluation, Dr. M. Macomber, Ph.D. stated that “In  
23 considering potential for dangerous behavior in the institution, he has not had a serious disciplinary  
24 since 1999. His last cell fight was in 1994. This was 12 years ago. He is no longer the irresponsible  
25 [18] year old he was at the time of the commitment offense. In comparison to other inmates, potential  
26 for dangerous behavior is below average. In considering potential for dangerous behavior when  
27 released to the community I agree with the previous two psychological evaluations that stated his  
28 potential for violence is no greater than the average citizen in the community. This conclusion is



1 supported by the administration of the Level of Service Inventory – Revised, which is an actuarial  
2 measure that assesses criminal history, substance abuse history, academic achievements, and social  
3 factors to determine the risk level on parole. His score on this assessment is 4.2 cumulative frequency  
4 for prison inmates. This means that if 100 men were released on parole, he would do better than 95 of  
5 them. This is a very low risk level. He no longer poses a risk to society.” (Exhibit 2.)

6 Three separate and independent psychologists acknowledged the past rule violation reports and  
7 concluded that Petitioner would be a low risk of dangerousness upon release. Additionally, there is  
8 significant evidence in the record of Petitioner’s positive institutional behavior, which reasonably  
9 mitigates the effect that Petitioner’s past violations have on his suitability for parole. Some evidence  
10 of the existence of rule violations does not necessarily equate to some evidence that Petitioner’s  
11 release unreasonably endangers public safety.

12 In Valdivia v. Brown (E.D. Cal. March 14, 2008), No. 05-00416, 2005 WL 706927, the  
13 District Court when considering the disciplinary history of Valdivia determined that, “the Superior  
14 Court [ ] unreasonably applied the some evidence standard. It’s description of the three rules  
15 violations relied on by the BPT do not support the conclusion that Petitioner’s release will  
16 unreasonably endanger public safety. At most, they lend some correlation to a conclusion that one of  
17 the factors the BPT may consider that “the prisoner has engaged in serious misconduct while in  
18 prison,” indicates parole unsuitability. See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 2402(c)(6). Yet, some evidence  
19 of the existence of a particular Cal. Code Regulations factor applied by the BPT to decide if a prisoner  
20 is suitable for parole “does not necessarily equate to some evidence the parolee’s release unreasonably  
21 endangers public safety.” Hayward, 512 F.3d at 543 (citation omitted). On its own, and viewed in the  
22 context of the overwhelming evidence that Petitioner is rehabilitated, it does not establish that  
23 Petitioner’s release unreasonably endangers public safety. As a result, the Superior Court’s  
24 conclusion that Petitioner was unsuitable for parole is an unreasonable application of the some  
25 evidence standard.”

26 In Guardado v. Perez (N.D. Cal. April 9, 2008) No. 03-00194, 2008 WL \_\_\_, the District  
27 Court, when considering the disciplinary record of Guardado determined that, “that he has committed  
28

1 no serious misconduct in prison. His disciplinary history consists of one instance of mutual combat in  
2 1998, and failure to clean his cell in 1993.”

3 The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal in Hayward v. Marshal, 512 F.3d 536 determined that  
4 “[t]he test is not whether some evidence supports the reasons the [Board] chose for denying parole,  
5 but whether some evidence indicates the parolee’s release unreasonably endangers public safety.”  
6 “Some evidence of the existence of a particular factor does not necessarily equate to some evidence  
7 the parolee’s release unreasonably endangers public safety.”

8 Petitioner contends that the Superior Court’s conclusion that there is some evidence to support  
9 the Board’s finding that the Petitioner’s institutional behavior supports a finding of unsuitability is an  
10 unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the evidence of rehabilitation presented in the state  
11 court proceedings.

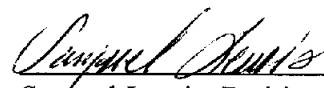
12 In the case at bar there is no evidence that Petitioner’s release would unreasonably endanger  
13 public safety. The overwhelming evidence indicates Petitioner is no longer a risk to society.  
14 Therefore, Petitioner contends that the Superior Court’s decision resulted in a decision that is contrary  
15 to clearly established federal law and involved an unreasonable application of clearly established  
16 federal law as determined by the Supreme Court of the United States. The Superior Court’s ruling  
17 resulted in a decision that was based on an unreasonable determination of the facts in light of the  
18 evidence presented in the state court’s proceedings.

19 CONCLUSION

20 Petitioner requests this court find, since no evidence supports his parole denial, his continued  
21 imprisonment violates his state and federal right to due process, depriving him of his liberty interest in  
22 parole, and order the state to hold a parole hearing which comports with due process as defined herein  
23 within 45 days.

24 Respectfully submitted,

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27 Dated: August 11, 2008

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Samuel Lewis, Petitioner  
In pro per

# EXHIBIT 1

SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

In the matter of the Life )  
Term Parole Consideration ) CDC Number E-05524  
Hearing of: )

SAMUEL LEWIS )

**INMATE COPY**

CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY

SOLEDAD, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 1, 2007

1:10 P.M.

PANEL PRESENT:

JANICE ENG, Presiding Commissioner  
FERNANDO PEREZ, Deputy Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

SAMUEL LEWIS, Inmate  
PAT FOX, Attorney for Inmate  
ALEXIS DELAGARZA, Deputy District Attorney  
Correctional Officer(s) Unidentified

CORRECTIONS TO THE DECISION HAVE BEEN MADE

\_\_\_\_ No  
\_\_\_\_ Yes

See Review of Hearing  
Transcript Memorandum

Debra Aubert

WPU, Inc.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER END:** Mr. Lewis, you  
doing okay?

**INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** We're on record.

**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Take deep breaths.  
Okay. Good afternoon, everyone. This is a Subsequent  
Parole Consideration Hearing for Samuel Lewis, CDC  
Number E05524. Today's date is October 1, 2007, and  
the time is 1:10 in the afternoon. We are located at  
CTF Soledad. The inmate was received on January 4,  
1989 from Los Angeles County. His life term began on  
that same date, January 4, 1989, and his minimum  
eligible parole date was February 19, 1998. The  
controlling offense for which the inmate has been  
committed is murder two, Case Number A964645, count  
one, Penal Code 187. The inmate received a total term  
of 15 years to life. This hearing is being recorded,  
so for the purpose of voice identification each of us  
will be required to state our first and last name,  
spelling out our last name. 'So, Mr. Lewis, when it  
comes to your turn, after you spell your last name,  
please provide us with your CDC number. Okay?

**INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, I'll begin, and

1 we'll move around the room to my left. My name is  
2 Janice Eng, E-N-G, Commissioner.

3 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Mr. Lewis, my name  
4 is Fernando Perez, that's P-E-R-E-Z, Deputy  
5 Commissioner, Board of Parole Hearings.

6 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Pat Fox, F-O-X, attorney for  
7 Mr. Lewis.

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Samuel Lewis, L-E-W-I-S, CDC  
9 Number E05524.

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Thank you, sir.  
11 All right. For the record, we have two correctional  
12 officers present for security reasons, and they will  
13 not be participating in the hearing. We are supposed  
14 to have a representative from the Los Angeles County  
15 District Attorney's Office, Estella Garza. And  
16 somebody called in because she is currently detained at  
17 the airport, but there is a possibility that she might  
18 be coming in sometime during the hearing. So, I just  
19 wanted to go on record and state that no (inaudible)  
20 warned about that. Okay, sir, before we go any  
21 further, I'm going to ask if you would kindly read  
22 aloud that ADA statement that's in front of you, and  
23 you can begin at any time.

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** Okay.

25 "ADA, Americans With Disabilities Act.

1 The Americans With Disabilities Act, ADA,  
2 is a law to help people with  
3 disabilities. Disabilities are problems  
4 that make it harder from some people to  
5 see, hear, breathe, talk, walk, learn,  
6 think, work or take care of themselves  
7 than it is for others. Nobody can be  
8 kept out of public places or activities  
9 because of a disability. If you have a  
10 disability, you have the right to ask for  
11 help to get ready for your BPT Hearing,  
12 get to the hearing, talk, read forms and  
13 papers and understand the hearing  
14 process. BPT will look at what you ask  
15 for to make sure that you have a  
16 disability that is covered by the ADA,  
17 and that you have asked for the right  
18 kind of help. If you do not get help or  
19 if you don't think you got the kind of  
20 help you need, ask for a BPT 1074  
21 grievance form. You can also get help to  
22 fill it out."

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you,  
24 sir.

25 **ATTORNEY FOX:** You're welcome.



1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** In general, do you  
2 understand what your rights are under the ADA?

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Just to be  
5 sure, we're going to go over a few more things. I see  
6 that you did sign a BPT 1073 back on April 28, 2007.  
7 Let me pull it out so you can take a look at it. This  
8 form, sir, is a Reasonable Accommodation Notice and  
9 Request in Accordance With Provisions of the Americans  
10 With Disabilities Act. And all that means is, this is  
11 a form you would use to identify if you had or have any  
12 of the disabilities as defined under ADA. Do you  
13 understand what I'm talking about so far?

14           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Generally  
16 speaking, you should have checked off to see if you had  
17 any of these disabilities, or checked off the box that  
18 states that, no, you do not. You didn't check anything  
19 off here.

20           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Oh, he -- Down below it says,  
21 inmate parolee rights and self-identification, so he  
22 did check that box, the bottom third of the page or so.

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Where he does not  
24 need any help for his parole hearing?

25           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Right.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's correct.

2       But I just wanted to be sure that your counselor went  
3       over this with you, that you understood what these  
4       disabilities are, and that, in fact, you do or do not  
5       have any of these. So, I just need to be sure about  
6       that, sir.

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, I do not have --

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You do not any of  
9       these disabilities?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

11          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

12          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Would you like us to check the  
13       box?

14          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, as long as we  
15       have it on the record, and --

16          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay.

17          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- I just did that.

18          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay. Great.

19          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.

20       And, also, you did check that you don't need any help  
21       for your hearing, and that you appear to understand  
22       what your rights are. See, what happens is, if you had  
23       any of these problems, then you would write -- also  
24       determine what type of help you need to accommodate.  
25       So, for instance, if you had a broken leg, you would --

1 if you had to go walking down or something, you would  
2 either need crutches or you would need a wheelchair to  
3 get to the hearing. Does that --

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Right.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- make sense to  
6 you?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** That's right.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. But you  
9 don't. All right. Sir, do you have any problems  
10 walking up and down stairs or for distances of 100  
11 yards or more?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, I do not.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And do you need any  
14 glasses or a magnifying device in order to read  
15 documents?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And do you have any  
18 hearing impairments?

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Have you ever been  
21 included in a CCCMS or EOP program?

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Do you know what  
24 those are?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Have you  
2 taken any psychotropic medications, either in prison or  
3 on the streets?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And how far did you  
6 get in school?

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** While incarcerated or prior to  
8 incarceration?

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** No, prior to that,  
10 how long did you go? You didn't graduate from high  
11 school, did you?

12           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. I dropped out in 11<sup>th</sup>  
13 grade.

14           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** In 11<sup>th</sup> grade.  
15 Okay. When you were growing up, though, do you recall  
16 if you were enrolled in any special education classes?

17           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

18           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, do you suffer  
19 from any disability that would prevent you from  
20 participating in the hearing today?

21           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

22           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Ms. Fox, any ADA  
23 issues that you believe need further discussion?

24           **ATTORNEY FOX:** No, and I would join in his  
25 assessment that he has no ADA issues.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you,  
2           very much. We always have to be sure. All right.  
3           Sir, this hearing is being conducted pursuant to the  
4           Penal Code and the rules and regulations of the Board  
5           of Parole Hearings governing parole consideration  
6           hearings for life inmates. So, the purpose of today's  
7           hearing is to once again to consider your suitability  
8           for parole. And in doing that, we will be considering  
9           the number and nature of the crimes for which you were  
10          committed, your prior criminal and social history, your  
11          behavior and programming since your commitment and your  
12          plans if released. So, we've already had an  
13          opportunity to review your Central File, and you will  
14          be given a chance to make any corrections or clarify  
15          the record for us. Okay? We will consider your  
16          progress since your commitment, your counselor's  
17          reports and your mental health evaluations. But we  
18          will focus on your progress and any new reports since  
19          your last hearing. So, if you have -- if you have had  
20          any changes to your parole plans, you should bring that  
21          to our attention when we address that issue. Okay?

22               **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23               **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And just for the  
24          record, I see that the last time you came before a  
25          Panel was October 12, 2006; is that correct?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, it's  
3 just about a year ago. Okay. Sir, we will reach a  
4 decision today and inform you whether or not we find  
5 you suitable for parole, and, of course, the reasons  
6 for our decision. So, if you are found suitable for  
7 parole, the length of your confinement will be  
8 explained to you at that time.

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Before we take a  
11 recess for deliberations, if a representative from the  
12 DA's Office is present, they will make a final  
13 statement along with your attorney and you, yourself.  
14 Everyone will have an opportunity to make a final  
15 statement to this Panel regarding parole suitability.  
16 You don't have to make a statement if you don't want  
17 to. You might be totally satisfied with what Ms. Fox  
18 makes as a final statement. The choice is yours. If  
19 you decide that you want to make a final statement, you  
20 should focus on why you believe you are suitable for  
21 parole today. Okay. After that we will go ahead and  
22 take a recess. We'll clear the room and we'll begin  
23 our deliberations. Once we complete those  
24 deliberations we'll resume the hearing and announce our  
25 decision. California Code of Regulations states that,

1 regardless of time served, a life inmate shall be found  
2 unsuitable for and denied parole if, in the judgment of  
3 the Panel, the inmate would pose an unreasonable risk  
4 of danger to society if released from prison. Okay?  
5 You do have certain rights. Those rights include the  
6 right to a timely notice of this hearing, the right to  
7 review your Central File, and the right to present  
8 relevant documents. Ms. Fox, so far, have your  
9 client's rights been met?

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** As to this hearing, mostly they  
11 have. However, the 3042 notice was not sent to his  
12 lawyer, and we would waive that for purposes of this  
13 hearing.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. Thank  
15 you.

16 **ATTORNEY FOX:** You're welcome.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Sir, you have the  
18 additional right to be heard by an impartial panel.  
19 You have been introduced to this Panel. Do you have  
20 any objections?

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.  
23 Ms. Fox, any objections to the Panel?

24 **ATTORNEY FOX:** No, we have no objection. Thank  
25 you.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Thank you. Sir,  
2 you will receive a copy of our written tentative  
3 decision today. That decision does become final within  
4 approximately 120 days. So, a copy of the final  
5 decision and a copy of the hearing transcript will be  
6 sent to you later on. Please do note, though, that on  
7 May 1, 2004, your -- the regulations regarding your  
8 right to appeal a decision made at this hearing were  
9 repealed. You basically have to go to court.

10           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, if you have any  
12 questions about that policy you should discuss that  
13 with your legal counsel or review the policy at your  
14 prison law library. Okay?

15           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you're not  
17 required to admit to or discuss your offense, but this  
18 Panel does accept as true the findings of the court.  
19 So, do you understand what that means?

20           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Commissioner Perez,  
22 is there any confidential material in the files, and,  
23 if so, will we be using it today?

24           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Yes. For the  
25 record, there is confidential material in Mr. Samuel's



1 -- or, excuse me, Mr. Lewis' confidential file.

2 However, for purposes of this hearing they will not be  
3 considered.

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.

5 All right. I've already passed the hearing checklist  
6 marked Exhibit One over to your legal counsel, and both  
7 of us have signed off on this. And, sir, we do this to  
8 make sure that all of us are operating off the same set  
9 of documents for your hearing. Okay? So, that goes in  
10 with the paperwork. All right. Ms. Fox, any  
11 additional documents to be submitted besides the ones  
12 that you presented to us?

13 **ATTORNEY FOX:** No, not at this time. However,  
14 we would reserve the right to request the ability to  
15 submit them if it becomes necessary during the hearing.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Very good.

17 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Thank you.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And any preliminary  
19 objections?

20 **ATTORNEY FOX:** No, we have none. And Mr. Lewis  
21 will be testifying as to all aspects of the hearing.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Good.

23 Mr. Lewis, I'll have to swear you in, so please raise  
24 your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that  
25 the testimony you give at this hearing will be the

1 truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.

4 And what I want to do first is read into the record the  
5 statement of facts about the life crime. Okay. And  
6 then we'll have a discussion about that. So, I'm going  
7 to take that from the probation officer's report in the  
8 legal section of our documents of our packets, and it  
9 is pages two through three. And this states that,  
10 "Defendant, armed with a shotgun, fired into a group of  
11 people, killing one victim and injuring two others. To  
12 summarize information contained in the District  
13 Attorney's file, Marcus --" Is it Villegas?

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. Yes, it is.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:**

16 "-- V-I-L-L-E-G-A-S, had gotten into a  
17 verbal dispute with defendant over gang  
18 territory. Defendant challenged him to a  
19 fight, but victim's brother would not let  
20 him. Defendant stated that he was going  
21 to get his, quote, unquote, 'homeboys,'  
22 and returned with friends. After another  
23 argument, it was stated that it was their  
24 neighborhood, and that he was going to  
25 get them both. Later that evening, this

1 victim and a number of teenagers were  
2 sitting on the front porch when the  
3 defendant approached carrying a sawed off  
4 shotgun. Five or six rounds were fired,  
5 and victim Lavelle Bullard,  
6 B-U-L-L-A-R-D, was shot in the arm.  
7 Victim Perry got up from the couch to run  
8 and was shot in the back. Defendant shot  
9 at Villegas, however missed. April  
10 Purcell was then shot. Witnesses  
11 identified defendant as the shooter, and  
12 stated that he was accompanied by Leon  
13 Milton."  
14 You know, this occurred back on February 18,  
15 1988. Is that correct, sir?  
16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.  
17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And that  
18 brief description that I just read, is that a pretty  
19 accurate description of what occurred on that day?  
20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.  
21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you had  
22 been -- Did you know this group of people before?  
23 **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't -- Marcus Villegas, I  
24 didn't know him, but I had known -- seen him around in  
25 the neighborhood. But I didn't know him. And the only

1 thing that I would say is incorrect is that it wasn't  
2 over gang territory. It started over staring, and then  
3 a verbal disrespect between both me and Mr. Villegas.

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, it wasn't over  
5 gang territory --

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- or anything like  
8 that?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** I was --

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Was it a racial  
11 thing?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** It wasn't racial. No, Ma'am. I  
13 was driving by. I looked at him. He stared at me. He  
14 said something to me. I said something to him. I got  
15 out the car and challenged him to a fight. When his  
16 brother stepped into it, I didn't want to fight. His  
17 brother -- his brother was much bigger. And I went and  
18 got some guys from whose gang I was trying to join to  
19 come up there with me. And that's how it started. It  
20 started --

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you left  
22 the --

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am, I left and --

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You left that area  
25 where they were? They were sitting on the steps, what,

1 in front of their house?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you  
4 left. You drove away. You found some of your friends.  
5 And your friends were in a gang?

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And where  
8 did you pick up the sawed off shotgun?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** That happened later that night.  
10 Because we came back. When we came back we argued  
11 again.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** We left. I went home to my  
14 mother's house. Later that night, Leon, a guy named  
15 Serge and a guy named Randy came and picked me up. As  
16 we drove up to 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Leon gave me the shotgun. He  
17 showed me how to load it. He told me we were fixing to  
18 go handle this.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Can I ask you this?  
20 It starts off earlier in the day as just staring at  
21 each other, and then saying some comments between you  
22 and Villages, correct?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. So, you  
25 go away, then you return --

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- with some of  
3 your buddies. And you're in a car, correct?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Well --

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Or did you walk up?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** We walked up. We drove up to 9<sup>th</sup>  
7 Avenue and then walked to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, and they  
9 were still out in front, the second time?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Why did you go  
12 back?

13          **INMATE LEWIS:** I wanted to be in this gang.  
14 When I look back now, I couldn't tell you why I went  
15 back. It was probably just -- I wasn't probably. It  
16 was the stupidest decision I've made in my life. I  
17 went back. I wanted to be in this gang, and I didn't  
18 stop and really think until we were already halfway  
19 there. Then I started thinking how to get out of it.

20          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** This was the second  
21 time?

22          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. The  
24 second time you went back with your gang buddies. And  
25 what did you think was going to happen?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** I thought we would fight. That's  
2 what I thought it would come out to, a fight. I didn't  
3 think it would erupt into nothing. As it turned out --

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, it hadn't  
5 yet, correct?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** It hadn't yet. No, Ma'am.

7           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, when you went  
8 back the second time you exchanged words again? Did  
9 you do a lot of staring down and yelling and screaming,  
10 or what happened?

11           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yelling and screaming, and that  
12 was it. It was -- We left. I'm figuring that's it.  
13 You know, I showed my bravado. You know, I'm not  
14 scared of you. And I went back home. I was at my  
15 mother's house. When they came and got me, what I  
16 should have did when I look back now is like, no, I'm  
17 cool. That's over with. But I didn't. I went with  
18 them.

19           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Who were you  
20 with?

21           **INMATE LEWIS:** Leon Milton, a guy named Surgeon,  
22 and a guy named Randy.

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, there were four  
24 of you?

25           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. Well, Randy didn't

1 -- Randy never left 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, though.

2 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. But  
3 were these guys with you the second time around?

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, they decided  
6 not to let this rest, and they came to get you?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And who is the one  
9 that gave you the shotgun?

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** Leon.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Leon gave you the  
12 shotgun. And he loaded it and told you what to do?

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you went  
15 back that evening with them. You had the sawed off  
16 shotgun. So, again, you parked at 9<sup>th</sup> and walked over?

17 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** When you were  
19 approaching, and they were on the porch, right?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And do you recall  
22 how many people were sitting up there?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** I'm not sure. Maybe five.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But you knew it was  
25 a group of people?



1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did you say  
3 anything before you drew the shotgun?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Or you just walked  
6 up? What did you do?

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** Walked up, closed my eyes and  
8 started shooting.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. What were  
10 the other guys doing that were with you?

11          **INMATE LEWIS:** Leon and Surgeon stayed back,  
12 maybe two, three houses back.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you walked up  
14 alone with the shotgun?

15          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And you just  
17 arbitrarily shot?

18          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

19          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** When you opened up  
20 your eyes, what did you see?

21          **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't even look. I turned  
22 around and started running.

23          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. You did  
24 decide to go ahead and discharge that weapon?

25          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And you were  
2 shooting at a group of people. What went through your  
3 head? Did you even think that you were going to hit  
4 anybody, kill everybody or what?

5           **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't think I -- My intention,  
6 when I look back, I didn't think I would kill anyone.  
7 I'm thinking it's a shotgun. Maybe bird shots come out  
8 of it, you know. I would hurt somebody but I wouldn't  
9 kill anybody.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How far away were  
11 you from the people, would you say?

12          **INMATE LEWIS:** About from here to maybe five  
13 more feet from that wall.

14          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, tell me how  
15 many feet, because the recorder doesn't know how far  
16 away that is.

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** Maybe 15, 20 feet.

18          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Fifteen or twenty  
19 feet?

20          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's how far you  
22 were. Okay. So, it didn't bother you to think that  
23 when you were going to discharge that shotgun, it  
24 didn't bother you that you would end up most likely  
25 hurting someone?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't give it a lot of  
2 thought, Ma'am.

3           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. How about  
4 afterwards? When did you find out what the damages  
5 were?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** When they arrested us. When --  
7 We were arrested maybe 45 minutes later or so, and when  
8 they charged us, that's when I realized that someone  
9 had been killed.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How did you feel  
11 about that?

12          **INMATE LEWIS:** At that time, more than anything,  
13 the best description I'd give is I was scared. I  
14 didn't want to face what I had done. I look back and I  
15 know what I did. I didn't want to face it, and I was  
16 more than anything scared. I'm sitting in the holding  
17 tank, and I'm scared, and I'm thinking to myself, what  
18 could I have done, and trying not to think about it.  
19 And afraid of what's going to happen and what comes  
20 next.

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And you're stating  
22 that you were not an active gang member at the time?

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. I was not.

24          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Because I thought  
25 the things that I had seen in the documents, and I'm

1 just telling you overall, because there is a lot of  
2 paperwork here, but I had the impression that you were  
3 an active gang member, that you weren't just a wannabe  
4 trying to get in. And that was with the Bloods?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** The Van Ness  
7 Gangsters?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, how long --  
10 Yeah. See, this states that you had been -- you were  
11 identified as a hardcore gang member of the Van Ness  
12 Gangsters, and at this time of the probation officer's  
13 report that you denied that you were a member.

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** I was not a member.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** I did this so that I could become  
17 a member of their gang. I hadn't been a member. For a  
18 long time I had been getting into conflicts with these  
19 guys, along with other gang members, because I wouldn't  
20 join. That was part of the reason why I dropped out of  
21 school. Going back and forth to school, you'd run into  
22 different gangs. And eventually you get tired of it.  
23 You either fighting or running.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, did the  
25 Bloods and the Crips make it pretty clear for you, for

1 anyone that wants to become a member that you'd have to  
2 commit a violent crime, that you'd have to shoot  
3 someone or kill them?

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Up to that point, I didn't  
5 realize that was what it was going to take. I figured,  
6 you know, if I fought a few fights, stood up, you know,  
7 with these guys and show them that I'm tough like them,  
8 then I'd be accepted. I had got into a fight before in  
9 front of a dairy (indiscernible), and I had beat one of  
10 these guys because he came and he turned over a  
11 newspaper rack. And when I went to straighten up the  
12 newspaper rack he hit me. So, we started fighting, and  
13 I beat this guy. What I'm thinking is, that will get  
14 me respect. Instead what it gets me is three or four  
15 more guys jumping on me. And it goes back to when I  
16 was 15, 16, going back and forth, going to Audubon  
17 Junior High School. Audubon is in one neighborhood, I  
18 live in another neighborhood. So, you getting chased  
19 coming from Audubon. Then you get to your  
20 neighborhood, you're coming from Audubon, so  
21 automatically you're -- you have to be from over there.  
22 Now, you tell them you're not from over there, but that  
23 doesn't make a difference. You're coming from over  
24 there, therefore, you are. I got -- We got -- I look  
25 back and I see where I gave in and I shouldn't have.

1 One of my biggest mistakes, and my mother always asked  
2 me is why didn't I come to her. I never told my mother  
3 what it was like, because, to me, at that age I felt  
4 you don't tell your mother something like that. You  
5 don't -- These guys at school, you know, jumping on me,  
6 you know, there was a gang here and there is a gang  
7 there. I didn't feel that was something that a boy  
8 should tell his mother. You know, you handle your  
9 business. You don't come home crying to your mother.  
10 After I was arrested for this crime and my mother and I  
11 started talking, and she said, why didn't I know about  
12 this. And I said, because I wouldn't let you. I  
13 wouldn't come home and tell you these things. She felt  
14 that it was her fault. And I'd always tell her, it  
15 wasn't your fault. It was my fault. I could have come  
16 home easily and say, hey, this is the problem that I'm  
17 going through. Instead I chose to handle it the way I  
18 did, which is wrong. And I know it was wrong.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, your earliest  
20 exposure to these gangs was, what, when you said you  
21 were about 15, or was it earlier than that?

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** It might have been earlier than  
23 that. But I didn't have the problem of being picked on  
24 or chased home from school until I was about 15 -- 14,  
25 15.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But you dropped out  
2 of school and you started working. Is that when you  
3 were working at the dairy?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you dropped out  
6 so that type of harassment at school should have gone  
7 away when you left school.

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, because the dairy that I  
9 worked at was right around the corner, in a gang  
10 neighborhood, where they came to get beer, cigarettes  
11 and everything else. So, I would still run into them.

12           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did you leave  
13 school to try to get away from that?

14           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. I figured --

15           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And yet, you went  
16 from one boiling pot into another?

17           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** When you came into  
19 prison, did you have any affiliation with the prison  
20 gangs?

21           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

22           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did they try to get  
23 you?

24           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

25           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How old was

1 Shavonne Perry?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** She was 17.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** What goes through  
4 your head? Do you ever think about Shavonne Perry? Do  
5 you know what she looks like? Do you know anything  
6 about her?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** I don't know anything about her,  
8 and I do think about her all the time. I have a  
9 daughter that's 19 now, and as she was coming up she  
10 was getting caught up in a number of different  
11 situations where, you know, wanted to be accepted. And  
12 I looked at her more and more and started worrying.  
13 And when I'd look at her I would think about Shavonne.  
14 And I would ask myself, well, how would I feel if that  
15 happened to my daughter. And when I think about how I  
16 feel about it, it's -- I thought about writing a  
17 statement to tell you how I felt, and when I sat down  
18 it's like words -- you can't put into words to really  
19 understand how it feels. It's -- Horrible is a word,  
20 ashamed, saddened because it's something that I can't  
21 change. I can't bring it back. I can't change what I  
22 did. I can't bring Shavonne back. What I have  
23 realized is this. I know, for me, I don't know about  
24 anybody else who's committed a murder, but for me,  
25 after prison, after parole, this doesn't stop. I have



1 to continue to give back because Shavonne -- I don't  
2 know what she would have contributed to the world, but  
3 she was a person and she had the potential to impact  
4 this world in a major way. Each person does, and  
5 knowing this and knowing that I took what she had to  
6 offer from her, from this world, from our society, from  
7 her mother, I know I have to pay that back the rest of  
8 my life. Not just my punishment in prison, on parole,  
9 but for the rest of my life. When I am released, I  
10 still have to continue to do that. And the way I  
11 figure, the best way for me to do that is to try to get  
12 young me like myself not to do what I did. I talked to  
13 a lot of guys in here, and I know some of them won't  
14 let the façade down of being a tough guy. And some of  
15 them will when I get them one on one. They'll admit  
16 some of the stuff I did I did because I wanted to be  
17 accepted. And the majority -- maybe not the majority,  
18 but a lot. Knowing what I took from Shavonne, I  
19 believe it's my job to stop kids, teenagers, whoever I  
20 can from doing this. I think about it all the time.  
21 Like I said, I thought about writing a statement. And  
22 words don't do enough.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, why don't you  
24 tell me this. Tell this Panel this. If you were  
25 sitting across -- If somebody else, a wannabe gang

1 member or a gang member had arbitrarily shot into a  
2 group that your daughter was part of and your daughter  
3 was the one that got shot in the back by a sawed off  
4 shotgun, and you're sitting across from the guy that  
5 did it, what would you -- what would you want to say to  
6 him? This is your 19 year old daughter. She's 19.  
7 She's dead. What would you say to the person that took  
8 her life?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** You owe me your life. You've got  
10 to make -- You got to make this right somehow, some  
11 way. I'd probably tell him I hate him. I'd probably  
12 tell him you should be the one that's dead. I've  
13 thought about that, if it was my daughter what would I  
14 say, and that's the nice way to say it.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** I took an Impact class sometime  
17 ago, and there was a lady named Angela Torrez, whose  
18 son was -- she lost her son to gang violence. And she  
19 got a chance to meet the guy who had killed her son  
20 while he was in juvenile hall. And the guy basically  
21 apologized, told her he wanted to change what he had  
22 done but he couldn't. And she told him to make a  
23 promise to her, and this was how he was to pay her  
24 back, by making something out of his life. Listening  
25 to her, this was in 2002 when I took this Impact class,

1 and listening to Ms. Torrez, I understand the impact  
2 that I've had on Shavonne's family. I understand it.  
3 And for her to give him that opportunity, I can only  
4 pray that Shavonne's mother would give me that  
5 opportunity. If it was a person sitting across from  
6 me, I can't honestly say that I would be able to  
7 forgive them. Sitting here now when I think about how  
8 much I love my daughter, I can't -- to be honest with  
9 you, I can't say that I'd be able to, but I would pray  
10 that Shavonne's mother would be able to forgive me.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Well, I hope  
12 you think about that a lot. If you were -- If roles  
13 were reversed, you know.

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** I do.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So you don't ever  
16 forget the impact of what you did had on a lot of other  
17 people. And not just Shavonne, but you ended up -- you  
18 wounded --

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** The (inaudible) bullet --

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You wounded two  
21 others, but you also shot at another, Marcus.

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And the  
24 suffering that they went through, the fear and the  
25 suffering. Do you understand that?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** What do you think  
3 that was?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** If I were in their shoes,  
5 initially, would be fear, and more than likely to this  
6 day they probably -- probably hate me. If I was in  
7 their shoes I would feel the same way.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Do you think they  
9 have nightmares?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** They probably do.

11          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

12 Commissioner, do you have any questions right now?

13          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Yeah. Have you  
14 forgiven yourself?

15          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

16          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** What journey did you  
17 take to get to that point?

18          **INMATE LEWIS:** My first journey came from asking  
19 God to forgive me, and really getting back into my  
20 spiritual background. The 12 steps actually helped me  
21 a lot, because one of the things, if I can't forgive  
22 myself, how can I ask anybody else to forgive myself.  
23 But in doing so I have to understand that, as I said  
24 before, I have to start giving back. In a limited  
25 situation like this, there are ways to give back, and I

1 do so. But I had to first ask myself, if you really  
2 forgive yourself you have to start changing. That's  
3 one of the things that you have to do and that's what I  
4 began to do. That's what I've been doing and that's  
5 what I would continue to do.

6 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** In what ways have  
7 you made amends to the victim, which is one of the  
8 steps?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** I haven't been able to make  
10 amends to the victim because, I mean, not only that,  
11 but step nine says, you know, and before you make  
12 amends you want to make sure it wouldn't harm them.  
13 I'm not sure if it would harm them or not. Part of it  
14 is paying off my restitution, which, to me, is --  
15 paying restitution is not -- it doesn't give back what  
16 you've taken. So, part of making amends for me is to  
17 start changing myself, and I started changing myself a  
18 number of years ago, and started trying to get others  
19 to change themselves. Not just what you say but what  
20 you do everyday.

21 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

23 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Commissioner.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** We may have other  
25 questions. We'll just ask you when they come up.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** All right.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But let's move on.  
3 I want to take a look at your prior record. And what I  
4 see here, and you'll have to correct me if this is  
5 incorrect, but your first arrest was January 24, 1987?  
6 So, I think you were, what, about 17?

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** For grand theft  
9 auto?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. It just says  
12 that the petition was requested but no further  
13 disposition was shown. So, I'm not sure I understand  
14 what that means. But then in March, God, you were  
15 arrested again, carrying a concealed weapon.

16          **INMATE LEWIS:** That was a year later.  
17 Commissioner Eng --

18          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yes.

19          **INMATE LEWIS:** -- the first one, the grand  
20 theft, was --

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right.

22          **INMATE LEWIS:** -- dismissed, and I have the  
23 documentation --

24          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

25          **INMATE LEWIS:** -- it was dismissed because it

1 was found that I actually owned the car.

2 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, all right. All  
3 right. So, for the record, this is your juvenile  
4 history. Okay. So, that was dismissed, so we know the  
5 disposition. You have the proof of that too, correct?

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. What about  
8 this other one about not quite a month and a half  
9 later, carrying a concealed weapon?

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** I was convicted of carrying a  
11 concealed weapon.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I'm sorry, what?

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** I was convicted of carrying a  
14 concealed --

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You were?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

17 **ATTORNEY FOX:** What kind of weapon?

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** What was the  
19 weapon?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** It was .25 pistol.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Whose was it?

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** It was mine.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** When did you get  
24 it?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Maybe two, three weeks before.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Was that the first  
2 weapon you ever had for yourself?

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And what possessed  
5 you to buy that weapon?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** Protection. This was part of  
7 when I was going through getting into the gangs.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** I don't know if I have -- or if  
10 shows I was actually on a bicycle when they stopped me.

11           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. It does say  
12 that you acknowledge that you were placed on probation  
13 because of this offense.

14           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And it says  
16 you spent two days in Los Padrinos?

17           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Which is what?

19           **INMATE LEWIS:** Like juvenile.

20           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** It's like juvenile  
21 hall or something?

22           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. But you did  
24 not acknowledge the arrest for grand theft auto. And  
25 we know that got dismissed.



1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. But it  
3 doesn't say anything else. Let me see if I have any  
4 more information. I'm taking that right out of the  
5 probation officer's report, and I don't know if there  
6 is anything else. I didn't see anything in these Board  
7 reports. Let me just check very, very quickly. But  
8 you stated that you were riding -- It doesn't have  
9 anything in here either. Okay.

10          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Because it was a juvenile case,  
11 the records generally were sealed.

12          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right. Okay.

13          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Even to get -- Well, the petition  
14 was sustained for --

15          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But we do know you  
16 were on probation for how long? A couple years?

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** Until I was 18, I believe.

18          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
19 And then we see -- That was 3/13/87. Okay? Then  
20 2/5/88, on 2/5/88 your first adult arrest, carrying a  
21 concealed weapon in a vehicle, but released,  
22 insufficient evidence. Do you remember that?

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. I was in the car.

24          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

25          **INMATE LEWIS:** They pulled -- I wasn't the

1 driver. They pulled us over. A guy named John was  
2 driving. When they searched the car they found the gun  
3 under the driver's seat there. They arrested both of  
4 us, but they released me at the substation and they  
5 just dismissed the case.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Whose gun was it?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** It was John's. It was his car  
8 and it was his gun.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** It was his?

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

12 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Did you know he had it in there?

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't know he had it.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. You know, in  
15 a very short amount of time, because here you -- You  
16 know, you ran around with another guy that's got a gun  
17 in the car and both of you got arrested, and that got  
18 dismissed. That was on February 5<sup>th</sup>. Okay. This life  
19 crime happened on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And you were 18.  
22 Okay. You had already been picked up before in '87 a  
23 year before for carrying a concealed.

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And that one you

1 were guilty. So, you were still on probation, correct?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** When you did the  
4 life crime?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Did I miss  
7 anything? Was there anything else?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, let's  
10 take a look at your personal history. You were born in  
11 Los Angeles on, what, March 23, 1969?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And, again,  
14 you were 18 when you committed this life crime, and  
15 you're now 38?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And it  
18 states here that you had three sisters and three  
19 brothers. So, you came from a large family?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Seven of  
22 you.

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** All of us didn't stay with my  
24 mother, though.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** My older sister, my younger  
2 sister and an older brother, who is mentally disabled,  
3 stayed with my mother.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Were you with your  
5 mother too?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

7           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, how many  
8 older brothers did you have?

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** Two.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Two older brothers?

11          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

12          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did they have any  
13 problems with the law?

14          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

15          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did they have any  
16 problems or were they members of gangs?

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. My oldest brother  
18 lives in Oceanside. I didn't have much contact with  
19 him. My other older brother, name is Paris, he is  
20 mentally disabled.

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right. All right.  
22 And what about any of your sisters have gang  
23 involvement?

24          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

25          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Whether they're

1 older or younger?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You have younger  
4 brothers too?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** I have one younger brother.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** One younger  
7 brother. Did he have a problem with the gangs?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't have much contact. He  
9 lived with my father. I didn't have much contact with  
10 him either. But from what I understand, he'd never had  
11 problems with gangs.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you're the only  
13 one?

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, it  
16 states here that you were seven when your parents  
17 divorced; is that correct?

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. You were  
20 very active in sports when you were growing up?

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And that it just  
23 states that your prior work experience was at the  
24 Altadena Dairy, and we know you were working there when  
25 this occurred, correct? All right. Okay. It states

1 here that you received your GED in 1992; is that  
2 correct?

3 INMATE LEWIS: 1991.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: 1991?

5 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

6 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay. And did you  
7 -- You have two AA Degrees?

8 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

9 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Very good. Yeah.  
10 I think I know, too, that you have -- you got an AA in  
11 Business in 1999?

12 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

13 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: And then you got  
14 your second AA in 2002 for -- in the paralegal area?

15 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

16 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay. Okay. 1988  
17 you married Joan Moore?

18 INMATE LEWIS: Joanne.

19 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Joanne Moore?

20 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

21 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay. And you had  
22 one child. That's your daughter?

23 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, Ma'am.

24 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay. Divorced  
25 after a couple of years, though, correct?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. Because

3           you were in prison already, right?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And then in '96 you

6           married Tracy Steel Lewis.

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** Well --

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** No?

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** -- I married -- Yes, Ma'am, but

10          prior to that I was married, and we annulled our

11          marriage, to Wanda Johnson in '92.

12          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you had a

13          marriage in between Joanne and Tracy?

14          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But that was

16          annulled, so that was very short lived?

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, your

19          third marriage is to Tracy?

20          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. You have two

22          stepdaughters from that relationship?

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. The stepdaughters are

24          Joanne's daughters.

25          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Tracy didn't have any children.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, so this is  
3 incorrect in your -- in the Board report. All right.

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And you and Tracy  
6 divorced --

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- in '97?

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. You married  
11 now?

12          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Is that number  
14 four?

15          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. Commissioner Biggers  
16 and I discussed this at our last hearing, and one of  
17 the things that I attempted to point out to  
18 Commissioner Biggers is, I went to the Board March, I  
19 believe it was 28<sup>th</sup>, 1997, and I was denied four years.  
20 And Tracy --

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That was your  
22 initial hearing?

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. And Tracy didn't  
24 want to -- It hurt, and I'm not angry with her or  
25 anything, but she didn't want to wait four years



1 because she felt like it was a waste of her time, and I  
2 understood that. She filed for divorce, I believe it  
3 was May 16, 1997, about two months after the denial.  
4 And I, you know, I respect and understand her decision.  
5 A four year denial is a long time to wait. I still  
6 hadn't matured enough to understand what I needed to do  
7 to get myself together at that time.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I have to ask you  
9 this, sir. Did you or Tracy understand what your  
10 sentence was?

11 **INMATE LEWIS:** Initially, originally, I thought  
12 I would be found -- granted parole. I didn't have the  
13 full grasp and understanding of what my sentence  
14 entailed.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did you think it  
16 was sort of an automatic thing that you'd do so many  
17 years and then --

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- be paroled?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Now what's  
22 your understanding?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** My understanding is that I can  
24 very well possibly be here for the rest of my life.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's correct.

1 Okay.

2 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Commissioner, I do have a copy of  
3 the juvenile court petition, and it's stamped  
4 dismissed. I'll pass them over..

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Is this the one  
6 that he sent to us, he gave us?

7 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Does it say dismissed at the  
8 bottom? No. I'll take -- You'll have to --

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** If you look at the case numbers.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** This is for the  
12 grand theft --

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- auto. Okay.

15 And for the record, counsel and Mr. Lewis did pass over  
16 to the Panel, it's from the Superior Court of  
17 California, juvenile court, that it's stamped that this  
18 is dismissed, this particular case. I never looked at  
19 one of these. I'm just trying to see --

20 **ATTORNEY FOX:** The juvenile paperwork is a  
21 little different from the adult.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** States that the  
23 minor was taken into custody by LAPD 77<sup>th</sup>, okay, on  
24 January 24, 1987. Okay. And count one, okay. And  
25 we're talking about the other car. I thought I just

1 saw the Penal Code. Oh, it's Section 496 of the Penal  
2 Code, a felony. Okay. And it does state that it was  
3 dismissed, so -- Okay. All right. So, you are in your  
4 fourth marriage right now?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And how long  
7 have you been married?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Two years, six months and 14  
9 days..

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. Does  
11 she have any children?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Was she married  
14 before?

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Was she married to  
17 a prisoner?

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, how did  
20 you meet her?

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** I met her -- She saw a picture of  
22 me from a friend who visits, or used to visit here, and  
23 we started writing.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, she was never  
25 married to anyone who has been in prison?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Or any gang  
3 membership?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How about anybody  
6 in her family; do you know?

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** In her family?

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yeah.

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, it also  
11 states here that you were using alcohol and marijuana  
12 at the age of 18; is that correct?

13          **INMATE LEWIS:** I wasn't using. I tried it, but  
14 I didn't use it. I tried it and didn't like it.

15          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Were you selling?

16          **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

17          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I'm trying to  
18 remember what I had seen about that before. Did you  
19 like drinking better?

20          **INMATE LEWIS:** No.

21          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You didn't like to  
22 drink?

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** I tried it and didn't like it. I  
24 tried marijuana, didn't like it. I tried beer, didn't  
25 like it.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Now, are  
2 both your mother and father still alive?

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Are you in touch  
5 with them?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** Not my father. My mother.

7           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, did you sort of  
8 lose touch with your father when you -- since you were  
9 growing up, or was he still active in your life?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** He was in -- He was around  
11 periodically. I know he lives in Missouri now, but  
12 that's the extent of it.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

14          **INMATE LEWIS:** My uncle, his brother, I'm in  
15 contact with him, and he keeps me posted on what's  
16 going on with my father. But --

17          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And tell me, is  
18 your daughter in touch with you?

19          **INMATE LEWIS:** The last few months she's been  
20 going through something. I'm not sure what. And the  
21 advice that I got from my mother and my sister and my  
22 wife was like, don't push it. Because she had enrolled  
23 in school, got -- She was in college, and then she  
24 decided to drop out of school. And like, you know, you  
25 could tell me what's going on, and it's more like I'm

1 pushing her away then doing any good. So, they said  
2 just give her some room, let her go through the phase  
3 that she's going through, and, you know --

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Did you ever sit  
5 down and have a heart to heart with her about why  
6 you're here?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. I think she does --  
8 No, I don't think. I know she holds that against me.  
9 And I don't blame her. At her age, knowing that she  
10 was on the way here, I can understand her looking at it  
11 as if I put this before her, which I did.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Is there  
13 anything that I missed? So, as far as you know, she  
14 doesn't have any children, does she?

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am, she doesn't.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you only  
17 have the one daughter. All right. And you're still in  
18 touch with your mother. Have you seen your mother?

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. As a matter of fact,  
20 they'll be coming up probably this month after this  
21 hearing.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You're close with a  
23 couple of your siblings also?

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. My sister -- both my  
25 sisters, my mother, my brother.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Good. Okay.  
2 Is there anything I missed that you feel is pertinent  
3 that we should put into the record?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. We're going  
6 to move on, and Commissioner Perez is going to bring us  
7 up to date on what you've been doing in the  
8 institution, and then he'll be reviewing your most  
9 recent psychological evaluation too. Okay?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Good afternoon,  
12 Mr. Lewis.

13          **INMATE LEWIS:** Good afternoon, Sir.

14          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Mr. Lewis, the  
15 documents that were reviewed for post-convictional  
16 information was information that was secured from your  
17 Central File as well as the life prisoner evaluation  
18 report prepared for this October 2007 calendar by  
19 Correctional Counselor P.O. Daporto. Post-convictional  
20 progress reports covering the period of 10/12/2006 to  
21 the present prepared by a correctional counselor. I  
22 don't know. I can't quite figure out his name, but  
23 it's scribbled pretty fast. The psychological  
24 evaluation prepared for the April 2006 calendar by  
25 Dr. Macomber, Ph.D., as well as any additional

1 information that may come out as a result of this  
2 hearing, and anything you want to enter in the record,  
3 certainly we'll consider it for post-convictional  
4 information. So, we will allow you to fill in the  
5 blanks should we have missed anything. Okay?

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

7 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** All right. Prior  
8 BPT action was at the time of your last parole  
9 consideration hearing, Mr. Lewis, which was on October  
10 12, 2006. You were housed here at CTF. And at that  
11 time the Board took action to deny parole for one year.

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am -- Yes, Sir.

13 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** And recommended --  
14 And yes, I am over here. And recommended that the  
15 inmate have no more 115s or 128s.

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

17 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** That you continue to  
18 receive self-help --

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

20 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** -- and that you stay  
21 disciplinary free. And a review of our records shows  
22 that you have taken that to heart, and you've done  
23 extremely well in complying with those recommendations  
24 by the last Board. And that's probably a full  
25 compliance with those recommendations. Mr. Lewis, your



1 classification -- your prior classification score was  
2 19, and it has remained at 19. Your custody level --  
3 your prior custody level was Medium A, and has remained  
4 at Medium A. And, of course, you know, we've done our  
5 research and our notes, and, of course, you made our  
6 role easy for us with this here. I wish I would have  
7 ran into this before I started the research, but that's  
8 okay. What we really -- And both Commissioner and  
9 myself have noticed that you really have made an  
10 excellent effort to seek self-help, to identify those  
11 issues that, certainly, we grow as a result of. But it  
12 shows here that you have, since 1991, have been  
13 involved continuously in Narcotic Anonymous and  
14 Alcoholic Anonymous.

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

16 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Entries for -- Well,  
17 it's quite a long time, about 16 years. You have four  
18 entries of education, and I know that doesn't include  
19 your formal education. Educational classes, you've  
20 taken Five Anger management classes, 16 bible study  
21 classes, which are related to self-help, which we  
22 understand. You've taken 14 Alternatives to Violence,  
23 six self-help, five family courses, and in addition to  
24 that you've taken psychology classes at Coastline  
25 Community College. Commissioner Eng indicated that you

1 have two AA Degrees, which we confirmed in here; one in  
2 1999 and one in 2000 in Business as well as paralegal.  
3 It says you have a BA pending?

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

5 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** How far along are  
6 you on that?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** I need, I think, 10 more classes.  
8 I just finished microeconomics. I think Ms. Fox has --

9 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay.

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** The grades over there.

11 **INMATE LEWIS:** And I just reenrolled in Personal  
12 Selling and macroeconomics.

13 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** And you're going in  
14 -- What direction, are you getting a degree in  
15 Business?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir, majoring in marketing.

17 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** All right.

18 **ATTORNEY FOX:** There was an anomaly on his  
19 grade, and I asked him about it, because he did get an  
20 F in one class. Are they in here?

21 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** That's All right. I  
22 got a couple of those, too, Mr. Lewis.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** There.

24 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Oh, there you go.

25 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Yeah.

1           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Those two pages.

2           **INMATE LEWIS:** One of the quizzes -- It's  
3 required that you submit 15 quizzes, and what I would  
4 do is I would do two quizzes at a time with handwritten  
5 notes. And as I'm typing out the answers, I typed out  
6 the wrong answers for the wrong quiz --

7           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Oh, I see.

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** -- and submitted it, and ended up  
9 getting an F in that class. So, I changed my study  
10 habits on that where I just do one quiz at a time --

11          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay.

12          **INMATE LEWIS:** -- type it and then submit it.

13          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Tried to cut some  
14 corners, eh?

15          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

16          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay. Well,  
17 congratulations for your tenacity with that. I know  
18 that's certainly not an easy task. You've taken -- One  
19 of the things I noticed here is you did some book  
20 reports, Men are From Mars and Women are From Venus,  
21 the Proper Care and Feeding of Marriage, Teaching How  
22 to Love You.

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Sir.

24          **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Why don't you  
25 summarize these books that you read.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** In each book -- One of the  
2 underlying concepts in all three of them was  
3 communication, patience and understanding in a  
4 relationship in a marriage. Those were the underlying  
5 concept, but each book approaches it differently.  
6 Laura Schlessinger -- Dr. Laura Schlessinger, what she  
7 -- the main concept of her book was to always put your  
8 partner first, always put your wife first, even when  
9 you're not feeling it. I remember one of the things  
10 she said, even when you're not feeling it, you should  
11 always give your best to your wife or your husband.  
12 You know, she counsels both. Putting their needs  
13 first, being patient and understanding their needs, you  
14 know, putting yourself in -- Making yourself the type  
15 of person that you would want to love, you would want  
16 to come home to run home to, hug, give a kiss to and  
17 spend time with. That was her main concept in her  
18 book. And understand that communication, patience and  
19 understanding working out -- taking the time to work it  
20 out. And I understand that all marriages aren't  
21 perfect, but in your point of view they can be perfect.  
22 It all -- It depends on how you approach it. No  
23 marriage goes without disagreements and bumps along the  
24 road. It's how you work them out. It's how you work  
25 those bumps and those disagreements out between the two

1 of you. That was Laura's -- Dr. Laura Schlessinger.  
2 Whereas Dr. Gray in Men Are From Mars, Women Are From  
3 Venus, his concept, it's the same as far as  
4 understanding, patience, communication, but  
5 understanding the differences between men and women and  
6 how we communicate differently, how we process  
7 information differently, how we deal with problems.  
8 Whereas Dr. Gray says, men look to solve problems. If  
9 your wife comes home and she wants to talk to you about  
10 a problem, she just may want to talk. She wants to  
11 vent. The first thing a man wants to do is figure out  
12 how to solve it, you know. And sometimes, you have to  
13 -- like I tell my wife, do you want my advice or do you  
14 want me to just listen? You know, I'm not sure how you  
15 want me to approach this. Sometimes she wants advice,  
16 sometimes she wants me to figure it out, and sometimes  
17 she just wants me to listen. And understanding the  
18 differences in how we process information to deal with  
19 different situations, being patient, that's the key  
20 concept with Dr. Gray. Dr. Tyrone Wiese -- or Thomas  
21 Wiese, his was the same, but it was the foundation of  
22 his is scripture bound or based on the Bible.

23 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** But, basically, the  
24 same kind of concept.

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Same kind of concept. Patience,

1 understanding, always putting your wife first,  
2 communication more than anything. If you don't have  
3 communication, you know, you're not going to listen, or  
4 you're not going to attempt to speak and understand  
5 what your wife is going through then you're going to  
6 cause your marriage to fail. And being mature about it  
7 too. You're not going to always agree on everything,  
8 but you can come to a compromise and understand, okay,  
9 we can agree to disagree on this particular topic.  
10 Lisa and I went through all the books. She had a sit  
11 and I had a sit. So, we went through all of them.  
12 There were some questions in them. We'd sit down and  
13 visit and go through the questions and see what the  
14 answers were, how similar they were, how dissimilar  
15 they were. And we used this as a model to prepare for  
16 when I am paroled and transition back into society  
17 knowing that it's going to be a lot of things that -- a  
18 lot of challenges that we're going to face, from the  
19 smaller challenges like closet space or adjusting to  
20 being around each other all the time to the more  
21 complex challenges, such as managing our finances  
22 jointly and things of that nature.

23 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** All right. It's an  
24 interesting concept. I know there is some people that  
25 say that you have to keep yourself first and take care

1 of yourself first before you take other people. So,  
2 I'm sure that's kind of a little bit of balance to that  
3 concept. All right. Mr. Samuel, there is -- in review  
4 of your diagnostic impressions by -- excuse me -- by  
5 the Board report for your 2006 evaluation report for --  
6 excuse me -- October 2007 calendar says that prior to  
7 your release you'd benefit from remaining disciplinary  
8 free, getting self-help, and indicating that the  
9 assessment has remained the same from the prior  
10 assessment. So, it looks like you've been in  
11 compliance with that -- those recommendations.  
12 Diagnostic impressions by the psychiatrist, Macomber,  
13 indicates that you have Axis I, no mental disorder,  
14 Axis II, no personality disorder, and you have a  
15 current GAF score on Axis V of 95. Assessment of  
16 dangerousness states that in considering potential for  
17 dangerous behavior in the institution, you have had --  
18 have not had a serious disciplinary since 1999. Your  
19 last cell fight was in 1994. That was 12 years ago.  
20 You're no longer the irresponsible 19 year old that was  
21 -- that you were at the time of the commitment offense.  
22 In comparison to other inmates, potential for dangerous  
23 behavior is below average. Also says that you no  
24 longer pose a risk to society. Further recommendations  
25 state that there are no mental or emotional problems in

1 this case that would interfere with parole planning.  
2 Mr. Lewis has not only achieved two Associate Arts --  
3 Associate of Arts Degrees while in custody. You've  
4 also completed vocational dry cleaning, vocational  
5 forklift operation. You have a degree as a paralegal.  
6 In addition, you are certified to prepare income tax.  
7 "And with these skills, employment will not be an issue  
8 in this case. He has the support of his wife, who  
9 lives in Salinas, California." You also have job  
10 offers in the Monterey County Area, and these factors  
11 would indicate a positive prognosis on parole. And you  
12 have family -- strong family support in the community  
13 that will help to ensure you have all the resources  
14 necessary to do well on parole. And prognosis,  
15 according to Mr. -- Dr. Macomber says that, "His  
16 successful adjustment in the community is excellent."  
17 Have I missed anything here? Is there anything else  
18 that you want to state for the record that I did not  
19 cover in my --

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** For education, I did complete  
21 electronic commerce --

22 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay.

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** -- and quality management. And  
24 also, this is the classes that are necessary to  
25 complete the Bachelor's of Science Degree.



1           **ATTORNEY FOX:** We're passing over some  
2 transcripts from Indiana Tech.

3           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay. And I noticed  
4 that too. I'm sorry. It does state here that you've  
5 completed 81 units at Indiana Institution of Technology  
6 in Leadership in Business, as well as a psychology  
7 course at Coastline Community College. Thank you for  
8 bringing that to my attention.

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** These are the classes I finished  
10 since the last hearing.

11           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay.

12           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you've  
13 completed 81 credits. How many do you need to graduate  
14 to get a BA Degree?

15           **INMATE LEWIS:** 120.

16           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** 120?

17           **INMATE LEWIS:** With microeconomics that will be  
18 84 now, so --

19           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

20           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Thank you.

21           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay.

22           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Anything else?

23           **INMATE LEWIS:** I believe that covers it. Yes,  
24 Sir.

25           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Very good. You're

1 certainly to be commended for your efforts in this --  
2 in your education, and certainly in self-help and  
3 therapy issues. Commissioner.

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Sir, let's talk  
5 about your future plans, specifically regarding parole.  
6 Okay? And we have the most current Board report just  
7 says that it remains the same as the previous hearing,  
8 which let's see if I have something here. Okay. I'm  
9 not sure if that is the most current. Oh, okay.

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Here's the packet.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Here we go. The  
12 '05 -- October '05 it says that since your last Board  
13 hearing you were married. Okay. Lisa Kushman, and  
14 they provide an address in Salinas, that you wish to  
15 parole to Monterey County to reside with your wife, who  
16 is a manager of Rite Aid drug store in Salinas. But  
17 your current summary states -- I thought she was with  
18 Longs.

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** She did move to Longs.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Yeah. You  
21 state, which basically the Board report is usually as a  
22 result of an interview, your counselor interviews you.  
23 But you took the time, I'm putting that on the record,  
24 to write up and sign your 2007 parole plans. And you do  
25 state that you would live with your wife, Lisa, on

1 Cadiz, C-A-D-I-Z, Circle in Salinas. And she is  
2 employed in the pharmacy department at Longs Drug Store  
3 in Carmel.

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Is she a  
6 pharmacist?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, she is a pharmacist tech.  
8 She does the labels.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** She was trying to explain it to  
11 me. I was like, that's kind of not my field, but I  
12 listened.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But it's steady  
14 work, and it's dependable, correct?

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And she's -- I'm  
17 assuming she does very well in that?

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

19 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How long has she  
20 been doing that?

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** She moved to the pharmacy because  
22 she was managing part of the department store. But she  
23 moved to the pharmacy tech position. She says it's  
24 better pay, better off days.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, okay.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** So, she's been doing that for  
2 maybe eight, nine months now.

3           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Good. And  
4 it states here that both you and your wife have  
5 continued to submit your resume to a lot of different  
6 companies in Salinas, Monterey Area. And you have been  
7 able to secure part time employment with Labor Ready?

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And that is  
10 part time, but can lead to full time employment. Labor  
11 Ready, are they a temporary agency?

12          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Well,  
14 temporary agencies, they still place you for full time  
15 work, but on a temporary basis. In other words, you're  
16 not a regular employee.

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** Well, what Ms. Mora had explained  
18 to my wife was usually what they'll do, if you work  
19 out, in other words, if you're a good worker, a hard  
20 worker, you end up working for a particular company for  
21 a time you no longer go through Labor Ready.

22          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right.

23          **INMATE LEWIS:** Labor Ready finds you placement  
24 first.

25          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yeah. But the way

1 you state it here is that it's part time employment.  
2 So, does that mean that they're promising to place you  
3 for like up to 20 hours a week or 30 hours a week?

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** To begin with. To begin with.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, it wouldn't be  
6 a 40 hour week?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. That's --

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** Not that I --

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- what I wanted to  
11 be sure of the difference there, because -- And I  
12 understand about temporary agencies. And a lot of  
13 times when people do work out they often get hired by  
14 the company directly. So --

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
17 But it also says that you will continue to seek  
18 opportunities as a paralegal, forklift operator,  
19 drycleaner and with other companies that can utilize  
20 your skills. Now, we didn't go over it, because I  
21 think this was covered in prior hearings. How many  
22 vocations do you have?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Two.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And what are those?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Vocational dry-cleaning and

1 forklift operating.

2 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, that's why we  
3 have those down there.

4 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. That's what  
6 I wanted to be sure. But when did you get those?

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** Dry-cleaning was 1997, and  
8 forklift operation was 1998.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
10 But you are getting -- And it says that you want to  
11 continue pursuing your degree. Okay. And it also says  
12 that you'd like to spend most of your free time as a  
13 volunteer counseling and/or mentoring at risk youth.

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Have you inquired  
16 as to the type of organizations that you would be able  
17 to affiliate with in order to do that?

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** In this area -- I wrote to Second  
19 Chance and didn't receive a response, but in this area  
20 here would be Second Chance. But I have an idea that I  
21 have been -- I'm a facilitator for the Alternatives to  
22 Violence program here. There is eight of us all total  
23 right now. And that's where we basically teach the  
24 class, or facilitate the teaching of the class. We  
25 have volunteers that come from the outside and also

1 facilitate the class. And I've been making inquiries  
2 of trying to move this program into the juvenile system  
3 as well as high schools and junior highs, where  
4 specifically dealing with at risk youth. Because to  
5 experience it, it's a three day workshop to really  
6 experience it and see what you get out of it,  
7 especially guys in here. Because some guys, man, I  
8 don't want to spend three days. Try it. Believe me.  
9 And most guys, after they take this particular group,  
10 man when is the next one. And it's only three -- You  
11 have a basic and advanced and then training for  
12 trainers. But what it does, it builds up a certain  
13 community within the -- guys that you've walked the  
14 line with and you've never spoken to that may be of  
15 another race, now you know this guy's first name and  
16 you speak to them, and it's like I know this guy.  
17 Because the exercises within this particular program  
18 teach you to understand that there are a lot of  
19 differences, but underneath we're all pretty much the  
20 same. Our experiences are close to the same. Who do  
21 you love? Who do you love most in this world when you  
22 were growing up? Nine out of 10 times the person would  
23 say their mother or their parents, you know. And these  
24 are some of the things that you learned in the group.  
25 What it teaches also is that, okay, you'll see less --

1 guys are less apt to get into arguments or quicker to  
2 solve arguments in a non-violent way. And when I look  
3 at the school system, we had the bullying, the gangs.  
4 A lot of this stuff, I believe, can be changed if we  
5 move some of this, especially AVP, into the school  
6 system. And one of the things that I have written some  
7 letters, but I haven't gotten responses. So, I don't  
8 consider progress being made yet --

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** -- until I'm able to make  
11 progress. But I do have groundwork that I'm working  
12 on.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Is that one of your  
14 favorite programs?

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** It is. It's -- I haven't found a  
16 group or that's like this. It's something that's worth  
17 spending your time. When you spend this 21 hour  
18 workshop, 22 hour workshop, so you're talking eight  
19 o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon for  
20 three days, in the same room with 20 other guys and a  
21 couple other facilitators. Or if it's a two day  
22 workshop, sometimes we squeeze a two day workshop, and  
23 it's from eight in the morning until eight at night.  
24 And all day long you're doing a combination of  
25 different exercises. It's one of my favorite groups



1 because I believe it does make a difference. I've  
2 learned a lot from it. I've gotten a lot from it.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Do you think you're  
4 helping to get through to other inmates?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** I know I am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Good. Okay.

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** When I see I've walked the line  
8 with for four years, and we walk by each other and  
9 didn't know each other, now, hey, Sam, how are you  
10 doing? Hey, how are you doing, Alan? It's a sincere  
11 greeting. You shake hands, you know. Some guys might,  
12 you know, I need to talk to you. There is a problem  
13 that's coming up. How do you think I should handle  
14 this, you know? Different races. It's not just one  
15 race. It's -- The more people we can get into it, I  
16 believe, the bigger impact it will make.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I know there is a  
18 long wait list to get into it, because a lot of lifers  
19 want to get in. But very briefly tell the Panel the  
20 feeling that you get from participating in this  
21 particular program. That it appears, at least to me,  
22 that this is something that you have a bit of a passion  
23 for. So, you don't -- So, let me do the comparison.  
24 Okay. How do you feel knowing that you got through to  
25 somebody versus how you felt when you were the 18 year

1 old trying to get accepted by the gang. What's the  
2 difference?

3 **INMATE LEWIS:** I should have been doing this.  
4 This is what I should have been always --

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Now would have,  
6 should have, but what's the difference in the way you  
7 feel about yourself? You see what I'm trying to get a  
8 comparison to? You were trying so hard. You wanted to  
9 be accepted into this gang. Alright? Now you're doing  
10 something very different and the feeling it gives you.  
11 What are really the differences?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** This I feel good about to where I  
13 want to do it as much as possible because I see a  
14 difference I'm making. Wanting to be involved in a  
15 gang is you don't have the want and the desire is more  
16 like, well, this is -- at least it will stop some of  
17 the problems I'm having. It's almost like you making a  
18 compromise. I do this, I'm really not into it, but if  
19 I don't then I'm going to continue to go through this.  
20 Whereas, with AVP and teaching people and helping  
21 people realize some of their'potential, I'm making a  
22 difference. I'm doing something that down the line  
23 when a guy comes up to me and says, man, I'm glad you  
24 got me in there, man. I really appreciate it. It  
25 makes you want to say -- it makes you want to say,

1 well, make sure you come to the next one. It makes you  
2 want to keep doing it and not stop. We've picked up,  
3 by our request, a facilitator's request, we've been  
4 able to do more classes. And that's part of the  
5 reason, because it's something that you want to do.  
6 Whereas, when you compare it to wanting to get in a  
7 gang or being involved in those things, that's not  
8 something that -- You don't have to -- It's not  
9 something that you really want.

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I just want you to  
11 keep thinking about that, what did it give back to you.  
12 Okay? Trying to get into the gang, what did that give  
13 back to you versus what participating and facilitating  
14 the AVP gives back to you? I don't expect any answers  
15 right now, but it's something that you may want to keep  
16 thinking about and jotting things down. Okay?

17 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** In terms of the  
19 mindset. And you'll figure out why. Okay?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Okay.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, let's  
22 move on here. You even state that your wife is willing  
23 to relocate and transfer employment depending on what  
24 county that you would be paroled to.

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And that  
2           your mother, Shirley, would also provide housing. So,  
3           let's take a look at some of the letters that we have.  
4           We do have quite a few from your family members. This  
5           one is dated August 7, 2007 from Ronnell Wade,  
6           R-O-N-N-E-L-L, Wade, W-A-D-E. Lives on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in  
7           Los Angeles. This says -- It says you are the -- Is  
8           Ronnell a male or female?

9           **INMATE LEWIS:** Male.

10          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Male? Okay.

11          **INMATE LEWIS:** That's my nephew.

12          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, just double  
13          checking.

14          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, Ronnell is your  
16          nephew. Okay. And he wrote quite a long general  
17          support letter. Very, very nice. It says that:

18                 "Allowing my uncle to be released would  
19                 be wise in that he would be able to  
20                 further the much needed parenting of my  
21                 teenage cousin, Destiny. He'd be a  
22                 blessing because he will have the  
23                 opportunity to help prevent her from  
24                 making bad decisions and provide her with  
25                 proper guidance. This will help break

1 the vicious cycle of having a fatherless  
2 household. So, please allow my uncle to  
3 be released."

4 Is Destiny your daughter?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's what I  
7 thought, because I thought I read something else.  
8 Okay. The next letter is from Tracy Franklin, also  
9 living in Los Angeles. And this is -- Is this -- This  
10 is one of your brothers?

11 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, that's my oldest sister.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, I'm sorry.  
13 See, that's -- I shouldn't have assumed. I should not  
14 -- I apologize. This is your older sister?

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. I'm sorry.  
17 Your older sister. Okay. I circled my brother. Okay.  
18 And unfortunately I'm missing the second page. And I'm  
19 guessing that this is a general support letter?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** If you'd like, I have a copy.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But unless there is  
24 something very specific, is she offering residence or  
25 financial support?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** She does state financial support.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Because  
3 we're missing the second page from that.

4           **ATTORNEY FOX:** From Tracy Franklin?

5           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes.

6           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

7           **ATTORNEY FOX:** I'll find it.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. While --  
9 Okay, let's move on for the interest of time. The next  
10 letter I have is from Joanne Brown in Gardena. And  
11 this is -- Oh, this is Joanne, your ex-wife.

12           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And she's the  
14 mother of Destiny?

15           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. She states  
17 that, "Samuel and I have a 19 year old daughter named  
18 Destiny." Yeah. And she does say that even though  
19 you've been incarcerated her entire life, Destiny's  
20 entire life, that you continue to be a consistent,  
21 positive influence on her life, and you've always  
22 encouraged her to focus on her education and make  
23 positive choices. Okay. She does state that you  
24 continue to keep in touch. Okay. So, this is a nice  
25 general support letter. Okay. The second page, from

1 Tracy:

2 "Samuel can look forward to receiving  
3 assistance from me and all of his family  
4 members while pursuing his dream. I am  
5 personally available to provide him with  
6 room, board, financial assistance and  
7 transportation. She will also assist you  
8 in any way that she can to obtain your  
9 desired goal employed as a paralegal or  
10 starting his own business as a freelance  
11 paralegal."

12 What does your sister do?

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** She's -- As I understand it,  
14 she's over at Parks and Recreation. She's one of --

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** In the County of  
16 Los Angeles?

17 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
19 So, is she married with children?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. Ronnell is her son.  
21 That's the only son she has..

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, okay. Does  
23 Ronnell live at home with her or does Ronnell live  
24 somewhere else?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Now he -- He does now, because he

1 was enrolled at Howard University, had some health  
2 issues, so he came back and he's enrolled out here now  
3 in Domingus, I believe.

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, Tracy  
5 and her son live together in this apartment?

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. Well, no. She just  
7 got her a condominium, but the condominium came after  
8 she wrote the support letter. She just closed that.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, she doesn't  
10 live on Slauson Avenue in Los Angeles?

11 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am. I don't think it's on  
12 Slauson no more.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Because this says  
14 apartment number eight.

15 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yeah, she's not in an apartment  
16 no more.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Okay. But  
18 this would not be a viable residential, would it?

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** It would be, but I wouldn't -- I  
20 would live with my mother if I was to parole back to  
21 Los Angeles.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Does your mother  
23 live in the same place that you were growing up in --

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- that you were



1 living when you had the problems?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And I know  
4 the prior Panel discussed that with you.

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And that's why you  
7 started looking at possibly paroling to another area.

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
10 So, your ex-wife, she lives down in Gardena. Then  
11 we've got another letter dated July 12, 2007 from  
12 Nakista --

13 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- Lewis, who lives  
15 on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Los Angeles. And this is --

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Sister. Younger sister.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Younger sister. I  
18 didn't make that mistake again. Your younger sister.  
19 Okay. And this was also a nice general support letter.  
20 Okay. Next letter is from Shirley Lewis on -- Is that  
21 the same address?

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** On is 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Forty -- No. So,  
24 one is at 4803 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Nakista. And this is your  
25 mother?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Shirley Lewis lives  
3 at 4831 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Los Angeles?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And she  
6 states that:

7           "His family is prepared to ensure that  
8 he is equipped with the tools he will  
9 need to succeed. He will receive  
10 personal support from me, including  
11 funding, transportation and moral  
12 support. He has family and friends  
13 actively seeking persons or companies  
14 that are willing to hire him."

15           Okay. And she does state, saying, "Sam wishes  
16 to continue his education. I have agreed to personally  
17 finance his continued efforts for a degree in higher  
18 education." Is that how you're doing it now is your  
19 mother is paying for your education?

20           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's good. "In  
22 addition, Sam will reside with his new wife. It's a  
23 benefit he will not be returning to the neighborhood in  
24 which he grew up and made the wrong choices." So, your  
25 mother agrees that it's not wise for you to go back to

1 the same old area.

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. But she says  
4 if you cannot reside with your new wife, your mother  
5 does state she's always willing and available to  
6 provide you with residential and financial assistance.  
7 Okay. Okay. The next letter is from Donald Lewis in  
8 Rialto, California. This is dated June 5, 2007. This  
9 is your uncle?

10 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

11 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, you had  
12 a pretty good relationship with this uncle; is that  
13 correct?

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. He says  
16 he'll personally help you to be a productive, law  
17 abiding citizen. He's retired from Olson Supply  
18 Company in Los Angeles. He has his own business, and  
19 he will provide you with employment. He says, "I will  
20 also provide housing for my nephew and his wife, Lisa,  
21 if the parole plans he has given to you are  
22 acceptable." Where is Rialto?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** It's about 60 miles out of Los  
24 Angeles near, I think it's Inland Empire.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** It's the Inland

1 Empire?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** That's right.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Is it a part  
4 of LA County or is it San Bernardino County?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** San Bernardino County.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, your  
7 uncle is retired, correct?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** He owns his own  
10 company, or he owns -- he has his own business. What  
11 business is that?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** I think was it Olson Supply? He  
13 distributes --

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** He says he is  
15 retired from Olson Supply. He says, I have my own  
16 business and I will provide you with employment. Or is  
17 that the same thing?

18 **INMATE LEWIS:** I think it's the same thing,  
19 because I believe he retired from Sears and Roebuck.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, this thing  
21 says he retired from Olson Supply Company. Okay. So,  
22 that's not quite clear.

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Okay.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, I'm just  
25 giving -- I can only give you my personal, you know,

1 opinion about this letter is that it's not very firm.

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Because we don't  
4 know what his business is or where it's located and  
5 what he's offering to you. Okay? What employment is  
6 he offering to you? What's the job, and what would you  
7 do, specifically, you know. It helps to find out from  
8 people what the job entails, specifically. The more  
9 information you have, the better position you're going  
10 to be in to make an informed decision. Does that make  
11 sense to you?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, even  
14 when you're looking, and we know it's difficult finding  
15 -- getting a job offer. It's difficult for anybody on  
16 the outside that has a lot of experience and has all  
17 the degrees and has never been a convicted felon to get  
18 solid job offers. But it's up to you to gather as much  
19 information as you can so you can make an informed  
20 decision and at least find out, given your skill set.  
21 Present your skill set and ask them what type of  
22 positions could best utilize this skill set. And then  
23 what type of pay scale is associated with that type of  
24 position. You're not putting them on the spot, but at  
25 least you're gathering information for yourself. Okay?

1 Because I'm a little confused. I don't know what you  
2 want to do.

3 **INMATE LEWIS:** I'd like to be --

4 **ATTORNEY FOX:** We do have some other letters  
5 from law firms here in the Salinas Area. Some say they  
6 don't have room. Others say call us when you get out.  
7 If you'd like to see those, he's made quite an effort.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I'd like to take a  
9 look at a couple of them, okay, just so we could get it  
10 on the record.

11 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Probably more of the  
12 positive ones, a little more firm ones.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right.

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** What I did was, I sent out 100  
15 resumes and cover letters to different law firms, and  
16 also different agencies that offer ex-offenders job  
17 placement.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right.

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** I got the answer -- I think -- I  
20 received two answers from One Stop Employment Agencies.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Excuse me one  
22 second. Okay. Ms. Delagarza has just arrived. Why  
23 don't you come on in, because I put on the record that  
24 hopefully you might make it. All right. We're going  
25 through the parole plans. We're just going through

1 some letters right now.

2 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Thank you.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And let me  
4 tell you, as soon as you settle down then we'll have  
5 you introduce yourself for the record. Sending out 100  
6 letters is nothing, and getting one or two percent is  
7 about right, just so you know.

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** It's not you. It's  
10 not your situation. It's -- You know, people today  
11 have to send out hundreds and hundreds and hundreds,  
12 and they might get one bite.

13 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Well, and there were also some  
14 who did take the time to respond and say you have  
15 impressive credentials --

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Good.

17 **ATTORNEY FOX:** -- but we don't have --

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

19 **ATTORNEY FOX:** -- the need for a paralegal. So,  
20 this is the stack.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Yeah. The  
22 Panel does note that there -- How many would you say  
23 there?

24 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** About 20.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** About 20? Okay.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Well, it's 100. I counted them.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, you have 100  
3 responses?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, not responses. No.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, those are just  
6 the letters?

7           **ATTORNEY FOX:** These are --

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** The letters and --

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** -- there may be 10 responses.

11          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

12          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Yeah. So, 10 percent response.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's pretty good.

14 If you're getting a 10 percent response rate, that's  
15 excellent. Even though it's a rejection, it's still  
16 excellent, because a lot of companies don't even  
17 bother.

18          **ATTORNEY FOX:** Yeah.

19          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You just don't ever  
20 hear anything. Okay. So, we do have a letter that's  
21 dated May 28, 2007 from Labor Ready, Inc. in Salinas  
22 from Lupe Mora, customer service rep. I got to tell  
23 you, I read this and I just scratched my head. She  
24 states they're a temporary agency. They provide  
25 temporary work for people that need the opportunity to



1 look for a temp to hire position. "We had many of our  
2 works that have been on parole and still have the  
3 opportunity. To be hired through the best of our  
4 customers --" It's not -- I'm going to be honest with  
5 you. I read this and I said, who the heck wrote this?  
6 And if this is an agency that is marketing people and  
7 they can't even write a basic business letter, and this  
8 is very, very basic, I'm being honest with you, I'm  
9 scratching my head. So, she states, "To be hired  
10 through the best of our customers," I don't know what  
11 that means, "we offered non-skilled and skilled jobs  
12 every day. We also recommend are, A-R-E, best workers  
13 to our customers." And this is signed by Lupe. This  
14 doesn't state anything about that they have your resume  
15 and they have you in their database, and that these are  
16 the types of positions that you qualify for, and that  
17 when you're out that's giving what the openings are.  
18 This just sort of tells you what they do very, very  
19 briefly. Do you understand the difference there?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Sloan Curtis  
22 Termite Group, Inc. The letter is dated September 12,  
23 2007, signed by Jose Martinez. This -- They are  
24 licensed by the State of California, Structural Pest  
25 Control Board in Sacramento for over five years. So,

1 where are they --

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** Southgate.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** They're located in  
4 Southgate. Where is Southgate? What county?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** It's Los Angeles County.

6 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, that is LA  
7 County. Okay. Okay. So, their reputation for quality  
8 service in Los Angeles and neighboring counties has  
9 awarded us several City and Countywide contracts. So,  
10 they're termite eradication. All right. Here we go.

11 "Based on his grasp and progress in  
12 carpentry, an evaluation will be made to  
13 assess his knowledge of those basic  
14 skills and will be given an opportunity  
15 for advancement within the company ranks.  
16 Starting wages for this entry level  
17 position commence at \$15 per hour, 40  
18 hours per week. After a 90 day  
19 probationary period, Samuel will be  
20 eligible for company benefits that  
21 consist of medical, dental and paid  
22 vacations."

23 So, it does state that an increase in their  
24 business in their second quarter of this year, they do  
25 have an entry level position for Samuel Lewis upon his

1 release as a carpenter apprentice. Okay. So, at  
2 least, see, this has more meaning because it's very  
3 specific, and they basically state what they would sort  
4 of expect from you. And I didn't realize that you had  
5 the qualifications for this, or don't --

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** I don't have the qualifications,  
7 but he knows my family and he knows that I'm a quick  
8 learner. So, he said, I'll give you a chance. That's  
9 not a problem.

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I think that's --  
11 So, he's a family friend?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I think that's  
14 excellent, because at least he made it clear what he's  
15 willing to pay you. Okay. But this assumes if you  
16 went back to LA County.

17 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

18 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Okay. We  
19 also do have copies of some of the letters that  
20 Mr. Lewis has sent out to potential employers. Okay.  
21 This is, okay, from Monterey County, One Stop. It's  
22 Department of Social and Employment Services, Office of  
23 Employment Training. And what do they do? Just help  
24 you own in terms of finding potential employers?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Employment and training.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, this is  
2 in response to -- Here is one from a law firm in  
3 Watsonville, and they state that they are in recent of  
4 your letter. "Your credentials are quite impressive,  
5 and all the more so when one considers that you have  
6 obtained them, for the most part, while in prison. We  
7 commend you on your achievements." They do have a need  
8 for paralegal assistance and will consider you as an  
9 applicant. Primary concern is availability. So, I  
10 think that's really nice, though, that they would even  
11 state that, that they would consider you. Again, here  
12 is another one. Oh, this is from Katera Rutledge, who  
13 is one of the State appointed attorneys. And she's  
14 asking if you're going to be paroled to Monterey  
15 County. She says:

16           "We have both represented you and would  
17 like to help if we can. We currently  
18 have two lawyers and three law clerks.  
19 That may change. If you're looking for  
20 work now we cannot help you, but if  
21 you're planning to parole here, write  
22 back when your hearing is coming up  
23 within six months and we'll see if we can  
24 help you find a job."

25           So, that's very nice. Okay. You want to take a

1 look at those.

2 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Yes.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And we do  
4 note that he has a stack. So, you have been very  
5 actively seeking employment in the areas that you do  
6 have degrees in --

7 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- which is good.  
9 So --

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** And if I may, there is one last  
11 letter from a local lawyer as well. And although it  
12 doesn't offer a job, it does -- the last sentence, I  
13 think, accurately describes his skills.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** This is from  
15 Randall Barkin, attorney at law in Pacific Grove. And,  
16 again, he says, "Thank you for your letter expressing  
17 interest in a paralegal position. This practice is  
18 only part time." And his business does not require nor  
19 would it support someone performing those kinds of  
20 services. "Your letter and resume are impressive and  
21 very professionally presented, and I wish you the best  
22 in your job search." That's good feedback for you.

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Thank you.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Is there  
25 anything else, sir?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** No, Ma'am.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** I think we covered it all.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, your  
5 primary objective is, I just want to be sure I  
6 understand this, is to -- should you parole you want to  
7 parole to Monterey County, correct?

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right. All  
10 right. So, your employment search is concentrated  
11 within the Monterey County Area, is that correct?

12           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. I have to  
14 ask you this. Where is a letter from your wife?

15           **INMATE LEWIS:** There is a letter from my wife in  
16 there, from my wife, my mother-in-law --

17           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Yes.

18           **INMATE LEWIS:** -- and --

19           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** We don't have them.  
20 I didn't read them into the record. They're not in the  
21 updated materials. Wait a minute. Did I miss these?  
22 No. This is Tracy Franklin. I already -- Oh, that's  
23 the other -- That goes back to him. We don't have  
24 those.

25           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Well --

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I'll tell you that  
2 right now.

3           **ATTORNEY FOX:** -- they should have been. Well,  
4 there are two. You can get started with them. We  
5 think there is a third.

6           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Here is a  
7 letter dated June 26, 2007 from Lisa Lewis, who lives  
8 in Salinas. This is Mr. Lewis' wife. Okay. States  
9 they were married on March 19, 2005. Okay. She's  
10 known you for close to six years through daily letters,  
11 weekly visits and phone calls. Okay.

12           "When Samuel is granted parole, we will be  
13 residing in Salinas, California in my  
14 house at 1621 Cadiz Circle. I will  
15 provide Samuel with love, emotional  
16 support, positive encouragement, housing,  
17 financial support, transportation and  
18 anything else that is required by the  
19 Board of Parole."

20           Okay. So, she owns the house?

21           **INMATE LEWIS:** I believe so.

22           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Or is she renting?

23           **INMATE LEWIS:** I've never asked her. I've never  
24 asked because I've always -- It's near the freeway, and  
25 we've always talked about moving. And when we talk

1 about it then she says when we get rid of that one then  
2 we'll move from the freeway.

3 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How long has she  
4 lived in this house? Six years?

5 **INMATE LEWIS:** No, she was living in the house  
6 before I met her, so it's longer than six years.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. But you have  
8 no idea if she owns it or rents it?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** I've never asked.

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. All right.  
11 All right. Does she have any children?

12 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Living at home?

14 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

15 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** How many?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** One.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. How old is  
18 that child?

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** Twenty-three.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Does that child  
21 work?

22 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. So, that's  
24 that letter. Let me take a look at that one. We have  
25 another letter from Jessica Salinas on Cadiz Circle.



1 That's not the same address, is it?

2 **INMATE LEWIS:** That's the same Circle. That's  
3 her daughter.

4 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Oh, this is her  
5 daughter?

6 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. I was  
8 wondering. How many people are living in this house?

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** Three. Or four, because of with  
10 the daughter, the daughter's daughter, Allea, the  
11 granddaughter.

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You have -- There  
13 is four people right now living in the house, and if  
14 you were to be released there would be five. And how  
15 big is this house?

16 **INMATE LEWIS:** Three bedroom, two baths.

17 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And you know  
18 for a fact that all of these people that are living in  
19 this house, none of them have any felony records?

20 **INMATE LEWIS:** I know that for a fact. We have  
21 discussed that.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. That's  
23 pretty critical. Yeah. Okay. So, this is a support  
24 letter from the daughter, correct?

25 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** And then Catalina  
2 Cushman is who?

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** Mother-in-law.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, the mother-in-  
5 law lives there too?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

7           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Does your  
8 wife -- Well, see, you don't even know who owns the  
9 house, do you? Does your mother-in-law own the house?

10          **INMATE LEWIS:** I don't think so because she is  
11 -- she asked us -- On a visit one day she asked would  
12 we prefer for her to stay or to go to a retirement  
13 home. And I told her I would prefer for you to stay.  
14 I wouldn't, you know -- If it was my mother, I wouldn't  
15 want my mother to go to a retirement home.

16          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

17          **INMATE LEWIS:** I'm not going to ask you to do  
18 it. I want you to stay.

19          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Well, that's nice.  
20 Okay. So, there is another support letter from your  
21 mother-in-law.

22          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

23          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I think we had this  
24 one from Donald. Yeah, we already had this one. Okay.  
25 Okay. Anything else?

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** My updated trust.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** You had quite a bit  
3 of money in there, didn't you?

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am. Twenty Thousand --

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Was it Twenty  
6 Thousand? Twenty Thousand Dollars? Okay.

7           **INMATE LEWIS:** -- Seven Hundred and some change  
8 now since the last CD came -- matured.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.  
10 Commissioner, take a look. Twenty Thousand Dollars  
11 goes by very, very quickly in today's world, just so  
12 you know.

13           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

14           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. The other  
15 thing to -- Well, I won't go over that. Okay. All  
16 right. Sir, we also send out Penal Code Section 3042  
17 Notices. Those notices go to agencies and individuals  
18 that have a direct interest in your case. And I do  
19 believe we have a letter, we do, from the Los Angeles  
20 Police Department dated September 12, 2007, from  
21 William Bratton, B-R-A-T-T-O-N, Chief of Police.

22           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Commissioner, if I --

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yes.

24           **ATTORNEY FOX:** -- may at this time interpose an  
25 objection to that letter. We did not receive it within

1 the 10 day rule. It was just given to me today.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** With the updated  
3 information, but it is dated September 12<sup>th</sup>, and it was  
4 received into the institution. So, I understand, but I  
5 also believe this -- And we'll double check. I think  
6 there have been previous prior letters from the Los  
7 Angeles Police Department that are probably in the  
8 Central File.

9           **ATTORNEY FOX:** I would also note that it's an  
10 unsigned letter.

11           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Exactly. Could you  
12 please check, Sir, in the Central File to see if there  
13 was a letter from 2006. So --

14           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Regarding -- This is  
15 from --

16           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** The LAPD?

17           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** The LAPD.

18           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yeah.

19           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Let me see if it's  
20 -- Okay.

21           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** In any event, your  
22 objection is noted, because we didn't -- this  
23 institution, as well as many of the institutions do not  
24 send out all of the documents on a timely manner, even  
25 though they're received in a timely manner. So, as you

1 know, the Panel can consider all documents that we have  
2 at our disposal. So -- And I do know the LAPD is  
3 pretty consistent in sending letters. And, basically,  
4 they're just stating that -- And, again, this is also  
5 from N. Young, captain, and it does not have a  
6 signature, as noted. But they do basically state that  
7 Mr. Lewis -- And they state a known Blood gang member  
8 armed himself with a shotgun and shot the victim  
9 because the victim was associated with a rival gang.  
10 And they basically go on in just a couple sentences  
11 summarize the life crime. They go on to state that,  
12 "We recommend this parole be denied. It's the  
13 Department's position to adamantly oppose a release of  
14 this inmate back into the community. Lewis should  
15 remain segregated from society." We also have present  
16 with us now a representative from the District  
17 Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County, who I'm sure  
18 will be making a statement before we take a recess.  
19 And at this point I will ask Ms. Delagarza to go ahead  
20 and introduce herself into the record.

21 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Thank you.  
22 Alexis Delagarza, D-E-L-A-G-A-R-Z-A, deputy district  
23 attorney, Los Angeles County.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.  
25 All right. While he's looking through that, I'm just

1 going to see if there is any follow up questions that  
2 the Panel might have for Mr. Lewis. I don't have any  
3 right now. I'm going to ask Commissioner Perez, as  
4 he's scanning the letters he has, anything else he  
5 would like to add?

6 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** No, I think we've  
7 covered everything.

8 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

9 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** And in the meantime  
10 I am looking to see if there is a last letter from  
11 LAPD, just --

12 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** All right.

13 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** -- that we received.

14 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Ms. Delagarza, it's  
15 a little difficult, because you've missed most of the  
16 hearing. So, we hate to be repetitive, but is there  
17 anything specific that you --

18 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** If I make  
19 it brief, may I ask -- And I apologize if they're going  
20 to be repetitive, but I do have just a couple questions  
21 of the inmate.

22 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Why don't you go  
23 ahead and pose them to the Panel, and then --

24 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Of course.

25 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- we'll go from

1 there.

2 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** The first  
3 one is, how many people were on the porch when the  
4 inmate -- that the inmate shot at.

5 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And we had  
6 discussed that earlier, and you want to just briefly go  
7 over -- How many people do you recall?

8 **INMATE LEWIS:** I think it was five.

9 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's right.  
10 That's exactly what he had stated to the Panel earlier.

11 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** And how  
12 many times did he shoot. And, again, I realize --

13 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's All right.

14 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** -- that  
15 this probably already asked.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Because, actually,  
17 I didn't ask that detail, but how many times do you  
18 recall that you discharged that shotgun?

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** I recall no more than three  
20 times.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** No more than three  
22 times?

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

25 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** And did he

1 know any of the people that were on the porch?

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. And, again,  
3 just very briefly, did you know any of the people, the  
4 approximately five people that were on the porch, did  
5 you know any of them?

6           **INMATE LEWIS:** I didn't actually know them, but  
7 I had seen Marcus around in the neighborhood.

8           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.

9           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** And as to  
10 the other four, is the inmate saying that he did not  
11 know them?

12           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

13           **INMATE LEWIS:** I did not know them. No, Ma'am.

14           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Yes,  
15 Mr. Lewis stated that he didn't know them at all.

16           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Okay. And  
17 with respect to his status, reviewing the records, my  
18 information is that the inmate has been married four  
19 times, is that correct, since he's been in prison?

20           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's what he did  
21 state to us, yes.

22           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** And was --  
23 Again, as to the first marriage, it was in 1988. Was  
24 the inmate already in custody when he got married the  
25 first time?



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1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Sir, were you --

2           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

3           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

4           **INMATE LEWIS:** I was.

5           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, you were  
6 already in custody with the first -- So, every one of  
7 your marriages was -- you were in custody?

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

10          **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Thank you.

11          **INMATE LEWIS:** We were together prior to.

12 That's Destiny's mother.

13          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Right. Okay. So,  
14 Destiny's mother, which is Joanne --

15          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

16          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- you had been  
17 together with her prior to all of this happening?

18          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

19          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

20          **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Then he was  
21 married to her two years; is that correct?

22          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Two year marriage,  
23 right?

24          **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, Ma'am.

25          **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Yes.

1           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Thank you.  
2 No other questions.

3           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Ms. Fox, any  
4 follow up questions?

5           **ATTORNEY FOX:** No. No questions.

6           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.  
7 Then let's move into final statements, then.  
8 Ms. Delagarza.

9           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Based on my  
10 review of the file, and what I know of this inmate, I  
11 would start out by saying that he is to be commended  
12 for the positive steps that he has taken since he has  
13 been in prison. He did have a rocky start, however,  
14 and before I get to -- With respect to the life crime,  
15 it is the position of the District Attorney's Office to  
16 oppose the granting of parole, in part because of the  
17 life crime and the fact that there were multiple  
18 victims involved in this particular case. Based on the  
19 inmate's statements today, clearly, there were five  
20 people on that porch, at least four of them, by his own  
21 admission, he didn't even know. Despite that, he took  
22 a shotgun and fired repeatedly into the crowd. The  
23 inmate says he shot three times. It's miraculous that  
24 each one of those shots was able to strike one of the  
25 victims. But we do have three victims who were shot on

1 that porch. The inmate had several times that he could  
2 have basically desisted in his behavior. First of all,  
3 it appears that he and Marcus, the one victim, had an  
4 altercation, and Marcus' brother basically broke it up.  
5 The inmate at that point left, came back with gang  
6 members to get into a fight. And at this point --

7 **ATTORNEY FOX:** I would submit that there was a  
8 prior opposition. It's in the decision from the LAPD.

9 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** All right.

10 **ATTORNEY FOX:** So, I would admit --

11 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Thank you, very  
12 much.

13 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Sorry about that.

14 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** That's  
15 okay. I'll interrupt you.

16 **ATTORNEY FOX:** I'm sorry.

17 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** That's  
18 okay.

19 **ATTORNEY FOX:** It would stop you looking.

20 **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** Anyway, so  
21 he had many opportunities to stop what he was doing.  
22 Instead, he was the one who kept escalating to the  
23 point of going back, getting a shotgun, going to that  
24 location, going to the area of the porch and repeatedly  
25 firing. In fact, killing one person and injuring two

1 other individuals. After coming to prison, as I  
2 indicated, he did start off -- had a bad start. He has  
3 two, four, seven CDC 115s, fairly serious ones. One  
4 for -- Two of them are physical altercations and the  
5 others are disobeying orders, contraband. So, we have  
6 serious 115s. It appears that since 1999 he is now  
7 making very strong efforts in terms of basically  
8 becoming a suitable candidate. Of concern to the  
9 Panel, also, is his, I guess, unstable social history.  
10 It says something about a man being in prison he has  
11 been married four times; the first time two years, the  
12 next time three years, the next time two years, and now  
13 we have a recent marriage again. So, again, with  
14 respect to his marital situation, although normally you  
15 say, well, it's a very positive thing the person is  
16 married. However, there is some concern for  
17 instability because of the numerous and short-lived  
18 relationships that he has had, short-lived marriages.  
19 However, the basic opposition from the District  
20 Attorney's Office is the life crime itself, the fact  
21 that there were numerous victims, the inmate is the one  
22 who actually escalated this to the point where one life  
23 was lost and two other people were seriously injured.  
24 And with respect to his time in prison, he's to be  
25 commended. However, the gains, we believe, are still

1 recent. Yes, they're, I guess at this point, would be,  
2 I can't remember, about eight years since his last 115.  
3 However, given the fact that he had many years of  
4 committing CDC 115s and the other violence, that being  
5 the life crime, it is our position to oppose parole at  
6 this point. Thank you.

7 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Thank you.  
8 Ms. Fox, final statement.

9 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Thank you. I respectfully  
10 disagree with my colleague from Los Angeles. It would  
11 be appropriate to find Mr. Lewis suitable for parole,  
12 because he is. Turning to the crime of commitment, we  
13 can't change that. The immutable facts are like a wasp  
14 trap, forever in amber. And they're not going to  
15 change, and nothing Mr. Lewis does or says is going to  
16 change them. The Board report is consistently  
17 supportive as is. The psychological evaluation, which  
18 places Mr. Lewis' Global Assessment of Functioning at  
19 95, and concludes that he has an excellent prognosis  
20 for a successful parole. So, those are two  
21 professional people who, over the years -- two sets of  
22 professional people over the years who have found  
23 Mr. Lewis to be a compliant inmate. He's demonstrated  
24 maturity and empathy and insight as he sat here today  
25 discussing the crime of commitment and the difference

1 between trying to get into a gang and giving back to  
2 his community through AVP. He has changed himself.  
3 Before he came into the institution he had stable  
4 employment. His parole plans are realistic. He enjoys  
5 the consistent, sustained support of his family and  
6 friends, and he's given, I think it was apparent to the  
7 Board, a very thoughtful consideration to where he will  
8 be and what he will do once he does come out. I'd like  
9 to read briefly from a chrono dated September 21<sup>st</sup> of  
10 this year, and just the last two sentences, from  
11 Correctional Officer G.S. Taylor. And quote, "During  
12 my 13 years I have never written a laudatory chrono.  
13 It is my professional opinion that Inmate Lewis will be  
14 a productive citizen in society when given the  
15 opportunity." End quote. And then also turning to one  
16 dated July 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, and I'll just read the  
17 last two sentences. This is from L.J. Rodriguez,  
18 Correctional Officer, Y Wing Security. Quote, "In  
19 addition, I have observed his ability to remain clam,  
20 C-L-A-M." I'm sure it means calm, but like the  
21 employment typos, it does say clam. "-- and  
22 professional during stressful situations, potential  
23 confrontations. In my opinion, I believe his  
24 determination to succeed, and his positive attitude,  
25 will carry into his life when he is released." End of

1 quote. So, these are people who have been exposed to  
2 Mr. Lewis on a daily basis for a number of years. And  
3 this is, I think, valid to be considered -- and to be  
4 considered by the Board. In contrast with the letter  
5 from the LAPD, which is not signed, and fails to  
6 consider Mr. Lewis' transition from a scared young man  
7 looking to be accepted in a gang into a responsible  
8 person who has accepted leadership roles in the  
9 institution. I don't think in my 15 years of doing  
10 this work I've seen anyone amass a greater resume as  
11 far as paralegal skills, which he has used. And he has  
12 great organizational skills. So, if one embraces the  
13 concept of rehabilitation and a second chance, Samuel  
14 Lewis is a poster child for that. So, in closing, it  
15 would be appropriate to find him suitable and to set a  
16 date today, because he is suitable. And I will submit  
17 based on that, unless there is anything Samuel wants to  
18 add.

19 **INMATE LEWIS:** I'm kind of -- I wrote a  
20 statement, but I'm not sure if I should read it because  
21 I --

22 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Go ahead.

23 **INMATE LEWIS:** -- mean -- Okay.

24 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** It's up to you,  
25 sir. You don't have to, but you can.

1           **INMATE LEWIS:** Each year when I come here the  
2 Panel asks me why do I think I'm suitable, and I answer  
3 just what I think. And when I read back the  
4 transcripts I often find that I haven't covered  
5 everything. So, I decided this year that I would write  
6 a statement.

7           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

8           **INMATE LEWIS:** I believe I'm suitable for parole  
9 today because I'm no longer a threat to society. I  
10 take full responsibility for the crime I committed. I  
11 understand just how much pain and suffering I've caused  
12 Shavonne, family -- Shavonne's family and my family. A  
13 lot of people when they approach their Board hearings  
14 they look at as it's just about parole. But more than  
15 anything it's about the families of the victims and the  
16 victim. And as we talked about earlier, how did -- you  
17 asked me how would I feel if it was my daughter, and I  
18 can't honestly say that I would be forgiving as -- I  
19 would be as forgiving as I want to be forgiven. I  
20 understand that life is precious, beyond words. I  
21 really understand that. I can't change what I did. I  
22 wish I could. I prayed that I could, but I know that's  
23 a prayer that can never be answered because I can't  
24 change that. But what I can do, and what I have done,  
25 is change me and the person that I am. I understand



1 that, as I said earlier, not just while in prison or  
2 during parole, but after that, I have to continue to  
3 give back, because what I took was a life, and this  
4 person had the potential to become, for all we know,  
5 the person who would solve social ills that we've  
6 searched the answers for for many years. I don't know  
7 what Shavonne would have done, but I have given it a  
8 lot of thought what she may have done. I've worked  
9 hard to change myself, to rehabilitate myself. I take  
10 it serious the courses that I enrolled in, and I use  
11 them and I apply them every day. In this environment,  
12 to me it's on the job training, because you always run  
13 into situations where you have to remain calm, you have  
14 to address the situation as best you can. And often  
15 times you'll come across situations that are volatile.  
16 And you can put yourself in the position of solving it  
17 and stopping it and de-escalating it, or you can  
18 escalate it. And I found my place is to be the  
19 peacekeeper more often than not. And these come from  
20 skills that are offered here, but you have to pursue  
21 those skills. As mentioned earlier, yes, I have seven  
22 115s, seven 128s. I haven't received a 128 in 13  
23 years. I haven't received a 115 in over eight years.  
24 Most of my 115s were stupid because I wanted to open my  
25 mouth up, disagree with somebody and argue and cause

1 the situation to be more than what it was most of the  
2 time. Since then, as I've grown and matured, one of  
3 the things Ms. Fox read a number of -- a couple of  
4 laudatory chronos. I think I got maybe seven, eight of  
5 them. But that reflects who I am today, not the person  
6 that I was. These are people who see me five, six,  
7 seven days a week, eight to 16 hours a day, on good  
8 days and bad days. They've seen my bad days. They've  
9 seen my good days. And it's difficult to get  
10 correctional staff to write chronos. Some offer  
11 because they see what I do every day, all day. It  
12 doesn't change. When I leave out of this Board room I  
13 continue. I told Commissioner Biggers last year, I  
14 said, regardless of what the Board decides to do, I'm  
15 going to continue to move in a positive manner. And he  
16 said he hoped I meant that. I told him I did, and I  
17 believe I've demonstrated that I did. And I will  
18 continue to do that. Prison is not easy on a  
19 relationship. And I know looking at that I've been  
20 married four times is something that you could judge a  
21 person for, but taking into consideration this is the  
22 first year that one of my ex-wives hasn't written. And  
23 it was an understanding between me and her husband, she  
24 would appreciate it if she wouldn't. Out of respect,  
25 you know, if I was that bad of a person they'd write

1 and send letters of support, they know how to write and  
2 send a letter of, you know, this guy, this is a bad  
3 guy. They know the address, you know. I can't change  
4 what I did, but I believe if you really look you'll see  
5 that I have changed the person that I am. And I  
6 believe I have a lot to offer to our society, and more  
7 importantly, or most importantly, to our kids. Because  
8 I believe I can tell a lot of kids that walking down  
9 the street that I walk down, tell them, look, I've been  
10 in those shoes before. Let me tell you where that  
11 leads you to. But let me tell you a better way to do  
12 things. If given the opportunity, that's what I plan  
13 to do, and when given the opportunity, that's what I  
14 will do. I leave it at that, and I leave it in your  
15 hands. And I thank you for your time.

16 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Thank you for your  
17 comments. We'll now recess for deliberations. The  
18 time is 3:08 p.m.

19 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Commissioner, just one point.  
20 There was the name of a lay person mentioned by  
21 Mr. Lewis early on as part of the victim statement, and  
22 it might be appropriate to strike that person's name  
23 from the record for privacy issues.

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** The Impact Program, the lady who  
25 lost her son to gang violence.

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1           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Because she didn't, you know,  
2 agree to have her name used here.

3           **INMATE LEWIS:** It was --

4           **ATTORNEY FOX:** We're talking about somebody who  
5 has --

6           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** That's been  
7 recording.

8           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay.

9           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** There is nothing we  
10 can do about it.

11           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay.

12           **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** But, certainly, your  
13 concerns are noted for the record.

14           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Yes.

15           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay. Just so --

16           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** But I think that  
17 that's commendable that you would think about that.  
18 So, but there is nothing we can do about it because it  
19 has already been recorded.

20           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Okay.

21           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** We can't --

22           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Redact it.

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** -- do anything.  
24 What do you think?

25           **DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DELAGARZA:** I don't

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1 think so.

2 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay.

3 ATTORNEY FOX: Thank you.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay. 3:08 p.m.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ: We're going off

6 record.

7 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG: Okay.

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**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I should have known.

**ATTORNEY FOX:** If you had been there.

**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Let's go.

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Okay. We're back on record.

**PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. The time is, what is that, 3:19 p.m. All parties that were present prior to our recess for deliberation have since returned. In the matter of Samuel Lewis, CDC Number E05524 the Panel has reviewed all the information received from the public and relied on the following circumstances in concluding that the prisoner is not suitable for parole and would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society or a threat to public safety if released from prison. One of the many factors that was considered does go back to the commitment offense. I mean, this was really a cruel, cold-blooded killing that we had multiple victims involved. There were approximately five people sitting on that porch that were attacked that were -- and were lucky that -- or were not so lucky, because one person did end up losing

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1 their life, one 17 year old girl. But two others were  
2 also hit, and thank God the other person or persons  
3 were not injured. But there was a potential there to  
4 have a lot more than one death. So, again, you know,  
5 all in the same incident. It truly was done in a  
6 calculated manner. This inmate had -- this was the  
7 third time returning to the scene where these victims  
8 were. There was plenty of time earlier in the day when  
9 this argument first started off to just back away and  
10 not bother, but, no, he ended up leaving only to return  
11 with some of his gang buddies to have another  
12 confrontation later on. Then that wasn't enough. They  
13 left, and then later on in the evening some of his gang  
14 member friends ended up providing to Mr. Lewis a sawed  
15 off shotgun, showed him how to load it, got it all  
16 ready together and went back for a third time to  
17 confront these people. Except this time when Mr. Lewis  
18 approached, per our discussions today, he stated that  
19 he didn't say anything, he just pulled up that shotgun,  
20 closed his eyes and shot. According to the probation  
21 officer's report, he discharged that shotgun five or  
22 six times. Then he stated that after he discharged it  
23 he took off and ran and was arrested about 45 minutes  
24 later. So, it really shows an exceptionally callous

1 disregard for human suffering and human life and the  
2 way that this crime was carried out and the manner that  
3 this was done. And the motive is really inexplicable.  
4 It appears that -- It appears to this Panel that  
5 Mr. Lewis was really interested in trying to get  
6 accepted into the gang, into this Van Ness Gangsters  
7 faction of the Bloods. But, in any event, it's very  
8 trivial in relation to the results of this offense.  
9 And these conclusions are drawn from the Statement of  
10 Facts that I had read into the record earlier from the  
11 probation officer's report. And, again, this all  
12 occurred on February 18, 1988, where Mr. Lewis had  
13 returned a third time to where this Mr. Villegas and a  
14 number of other teenagers were sitting. He -- Five or  
15 six shots -- rounds were shot. Lavelle Bullard was  
16 shot in the arm, Shavonne Perry was shot in the back,  
17 and April Purcell was also shot. Villegas was shot at  
18 by Lewis but was not hit, and Villegas was really the  
19 targeted person that Mr. Lewis had been having these  
20 altercations with since earlier in the day. But  
21 Mr. Lewis was later identified by witnesses as the  
22 shooter, and stated that he was accompanied by his  
23 friend, Leon Milton. Regarding a prior record, this  
24 prisoner does have an escalating pattern of criminal  
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1 conduct. After all, and all we have really -- We've  
2 got a couple arrests as a juvenile. The first one was  
3 in January of 1987 for grand theft auto, but we do know  
4 the disposition that that was dismissed, as Mr. Lewis  
5 did provide the Panel with official documents showing  
6 that that was dismissed. Then he was later arrested in  
7 March of '87 for carrying a concealed weapon. And  
8 this, I believe, he did receive probation for and was  
9 -- And then as an adult he was arrested on February 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 of 1988 for carrying a concealed weapon again in a  
11 vehicle. But this one he was released, and no  
12 disposition. However, shortly after that, on the 18<sup>th</sup>  
13 of the same year, we had the instant offense occur. He  
14 has failed previous grants of probation. Again, he was  
15 on juvenile probation for the first arrest as a  
16 juvenile for carrying a concealed weapon. He also  
17 stated that he believes he did about two days in  
18 juvenile hall. Regarding his institutional behavior,  
19 we find that his misconduct while incarcerated does  
20 include seven 128(a) counseling chronos, the last one  
21 being in February of 1994 for being out of bounds. And  
22 he has seven more serious 115 disciplinaries, the last  
23 one being in August of 1999 for refusing a direct  
24 order. We find that the most recent psychological

1 evaluation from April of 2006 by Dr. Macomber,  
2 M-A-C-O-M-B-E-R, is somewhat supportive. Regarding  
3 parole plans, this inmate did provide the Panel with a  
4 letter -- a few letters -- Well, the specific letter  
5 was from his current wife, which is his number one  
6 choice to parole to here in Monterey County,  
7 specifically, in Salinas. However, he didn't -- And he  
8 did provide acceptable employment, you know, documented  
9 evidence of employment plans. However, the job offer  
10 was back down in Los Angeles County. The temp one  
11 really wasn't an offer. Sir, because you're not  
12 getting a date, I wanted to recommend something to you.  
13 Of particular concern, and the Panel Members did  
14 discuss this, you've never lived with any of your wives  
15 before. You had been living at home when the instant  
16 offense occurred, and you've been in prison for 18, 19  
17 years. And, yes, you've been married four times, but  
18 you've been incarcerated the whole time. So, it's not  
19 your typical marriage. You may want to consider,  
20 because you've never -- you haven't been out there on  
21 your own and living in a relationship ever before, you  
22 may want to consider being a little selfish regarding  
23 parole and thinking of 100 percent your success on the  
24 outside, and you may want to consider the possibility

1 of going into a residential transitional housing  
2 situation where there is a lot of services offered to  
3 you and it helps you to transition back into society so  
4 that you wouldn't be going into such a foreign  
5 situation where there might be a lot of expectations  
6 that you have of yourself and that they might have of  
7 you that you really wouldn't be concentrating on your  
8 success enough. So, it's just a thought, because we  
9 have a lot of prisoners that can parole to their  
10 families, and they've chosen to go into these  
11 residential facilities for six months or 12 months  
12 because you're going into such a structured environment  
13 out into the free world and it's good to do a gradual  
14 transition. So it's just something for you to think  
15 about possibly having that as a primary set of parole  
16 plans, and then the secondary would be to parole to  
17 your wife. And it is a concern, because you're talking  
18 about all of a sudden it wasn't just your wife, but  
19 you've got, you know, two or three other folks living  
20 there, and you don't even know who owns the house or  
21 anything. So, these are things that you should  
22 probably firm up a bit. Okay? Hearing Panel does note  
23 regarding 3042 responses that the representative from  
24 the District Attorney's Office of Los Angeles County  
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1 was present and did state their opposition to parole,  
2 along with a letter from the Los Angeles Police  
3 Department that also stated their opposition to parole.  
4 However, this Panel feels that this prisoner should be  
5 commended for a variety of things. Your educational  
6 endeavors really need to be commended. You have done  
7 exceptionally well considering that you dropped out of  
8 school when you were in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Since you've  
9 come into prison you set a goal for yourself,  
10 apparently, and you went after it. And you're -- you  
11 know, you're attaining those. You've got -- You  
12 received a GED. You've gotten two AAs, and now you're  
13 close to getting your Bachelor's degree. You -- And  
14 not just that, but your active participation in our  
15 discussion about the Alternatives to Violence program  
16 and how you have a bit of a passion for that. And I  
17 hope you continue with that, because I know it's an  
18 excellent program, and the fact that you are a  
19 facilitator in that really says something about you.  
20 You've also -- Even though, you know, we sort of  
21 touched upon it, and I did some research in the  
22 documents about any substance abuse background, you  
23 really didn't. I mean, you experimented with it, but  
24 you weren't an addict in any way, whether that be an

1 alcoholic or a drug addict. And, yet, you have been  
2 consistently involved with the substance abuse  
3 programming here, I believe it's AA and NA, since 1991.  
4 And even though we didn't ask you any direct questions  
5 about it, you spoke very freely about how certain steps  
6 have helped you, and you explained to the Panel in what  
7 ways. And that's very, very commendable. You have  
8 been really an excellent prisoner, a superb prisoner.  
9 And I think you had a wake up call coming in for what  
10 you did. I hope that you -- when things calm down that  
11 you read over the transcript, and I hope you start  
12 asking yourself certain questions about things. But  
13 you've also obtained -- You've got two vocations. You  
14 participated in the VRAG program recently, the Father's  
15 Behind Bars. And, again, you've been doing a lot of  
16 good things, and you seem to have a desire to want to  
17 give back and do something with at risk youth. And I  
18 don't think they have anything like the Squire's  
19 program here like they do at San Quentin, and I don't  
20 know how familiar you are with it.

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** Actually, I'm involved with We  
22 Care.

23 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

24 **INMATE LEWIS:** That's where they bring kids, and

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1 it's --

2 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** So, it's very  
3 similar to the Squires that they have at San Quentin.  
4 So, I hope, as what Commissioner Biggers told you  
5 before, that what you present to the Panel is what you  
6 believe and that you're being truthful. You're the one  
7 that has to look at yourself in the mirror everyday.  
8 We don't. Okay? So, it's -- it doesn't gain you  
9 anything trying to fool the Panel. It really doesn't.  
10 It's going to hurt you. But this Panel believes that  
11 you mean what you stated to us, and that I hope that no  
12 matter what, sir, whether you're in prison or you're  
13 out of prison, I hope that you continue in your quest  
14 to continually give back. And you can do some good  
15 things. And you have been. And I hope that you  
16 continue with that. So, don't get discouraged. This  
17 is a one year denial. Okay? And that, again, we do  
18 recommend that you've got to get some more distance  
19 with those disciplinaries, even though, you know, still  
20 eight years having a serious disciplinary is still a  
21 bit soon. So, no 128s, no 115s. Continue in your  
22 educational quest. Continue to upgrade yourself in any  
23 way you can, and continue with your self-help because  
24 you never know how you're going to become even more

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1 enlightened than you already are. So, we wish you the  
2 best of luck. You presented very, very well. And,  
3 again, stay on track because I think you're doing well.  
4 And I think we'll see some -- a lot more positive  
5 things from you in the future. Okay? That concludes  
6 the reading of the decision. I'm going to ask my  
7 fellow Commissioner if he has anything to add.

8 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Yeah. Just seen as  
9 we're on -- and what you might consider including in  
10 Plan B -- or Plan A, Plan B is those self-help groups  
11 that are located in the community that -- Because NA  
12 and AA is going to be something that's going to be with  
13 you for the rest of your life. So, knowing that, it  
14 might not be a bad idea to identify those resources in  
15 the community to see that -- and locate it close to  
16 your house that you may consider being involved with.  
17 Actually, not consider, but that you should get  
18 involved with when you get out. And I wish you the  
19 best of luck.

20 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay.

21 **INMATE LEWIS:** Could I share something with you,  
22 something that I noticed last year. I subscribe to  
23 Forbes, and every year they come out with a list of the  
24 400 richest people, you know. And I was looking over

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1 it, and what I did, I found something interesting just  
2 dealing with marriage. Of the 400 richest people in  
3 America, nine have been married more than three times.  
4 Of the 400 richest people in America, 16 have been  
5 married more than twice. And I was curious if it would  
6 be the -- I got the magazine again this year and found  
7 that it was -- the trend was the same. The only  
8 difference that I saw is that I'm incarcerated and I'm  
9 not rich, but -- But maintaining a relationship in  
10 here, believe me, we talked about all those things. We  
11 talked about how I would deal with my mother-in-law  
12 because she fusses. I said, you haven't heard my  
13 mother. My mother when she gets upset she can cuss  
14 like a sailor. But being in here it's difficult to  
15 maintain a relationship. And I understand how it's  
16 viewed by many in administration and in society, but  
17 we've discussed these things in depth as far as what  
18 are the expectations. She expects me to lean more on  
19 her when I come home, and I expect of myself -- One of  
20 the things that I learned a long time ago, if I set a  
21 high level of expectation for myself and I meet it, I  
22 can pretty much meet or exceed anyone else's  
23 expectations, because I -- Most people, including  
24 myself, if you set a high standard for yourself, it's  
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1 higher than what most other people would set for you.  
2 And I'm saying this just to say this one is going to  
3 work because, one, she knows the situation as far as  
4 going to the Board. Everybody knows what time I'm  
5 going today. Won't be able to get out until count  
6 clears. If it's good news, I'll have Ms. Fox call. If  
7 it's not, then I'll be calling. It's not something  
8 that we approached lightly when we got married, and I  
9 told her I had been married three times before and the  
10 circumstances that surrounding each marriage. As I  
11 said in the closing, if I was that bad of a person or  
12 that bad of a husband, just as they've written support  
13 letters they could also write letters that would end up  
14 in my file saying this guy is no good, you know. But  
15 those letters are not in my file because that's not the  
16 type of person I am. But I do understand. And as I  
17 said to Commissioner Biggers last year, and as I will  
18 say to both Commissioner Eng and Deputy Commissioner  
19 Perez, I will continue to move forward in a positive  
20 manner.

21 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** I believe you will.  
22 But I just want to clarify something. From my  
23 perspective, I can't speak for my fellow Commissioner,  
24 I didn't consider the four marriages as any major

1 thing. The biggest concern is that you have never  
2 lived with a woman yet. And you can't imagine -- you  
3 don't know because you've never done it. Living with  
4 your mother is different than living with someone that  
5 you've married and then part of her family. And that  
6 is very stressful. It's stressful enough just having a  
7 regular roommate and dealing with the idiosyncrasies of  
8 just having another person and sharing the space. But  
9 there is obligations. There is our own personal  
10 thoughts and how we were raised about the male and  
11 female role in the marriage. So, these are things that  
12 are going to add a lot of stresses to you that all we  
13 were stating is you may want to think long and hard  
14 that for your success that you may be better off  
15 transitioning into something else first instead of  
16 jumping in with both feet. But it is something that,  
17 sir, you do not know. You cannot imagine. Everything  
18 sounds good. Talking about things is one. It's  
19 something very different than actually living on a  
20 daily basis. I just want you to think about that. So,  
21 good luck. Stay on track. That concludes this  
22 hearing. The time is 3:37 p.m.

23 **ATTORNEY FOX:** Thank you.

24 **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER PEREZ:** Thank you.

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1           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Does he have the  
2 pink sheet?

3           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Yes.

4           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER ENG:** Okay. Good.

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21       **PAROLE DENIED ONE YEAR**

22       **THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL ON: JAN 29 2008**

23       **YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED IF, PRIOR TO THAT**  
24       **DATE, THE DECISION IS MODIFIED.**

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*Debra Aubert*

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# EXHIBIT 2

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**MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION FOR  
THE BOARD OF PRISON HEARINGS  
May, 2006 Lifer Calendar**

**CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY SOLEDAD  
APRIL, 2006**

**NAME:** LEWIS, SAMUEL  
**CDC#:** E-05524  
**DOB:** 3/23/69  
**OFFENSE:** PC 187 MURDER, SECOND DEGREE  
**DATE OF OFFENSE:** 2/18/88  
**SENTENCE:** 15 YEARS TO LIFE  
**MEPD:** 3/21/98  
**EVALUATION DATE:** 4/8/06

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

Mr. Samuel Lewis is a 37 year old, first term, African-American, married male from Los Angeles County. He has served 18 years on his sentence. He is a Christian.

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:**

This evaluation is based upon a single 2 hour interview plus review of the central and medical files.

The Psychological Evaluation prepared for the BPT on 11/16/01, by Dr. Reed, at CTF-Soledad, is still current and valid. This includes a Psychosocial Assessment that is still current and valid. As a result, this information will not be repeated at this time.

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CLINICAL ASSESSMENTXII. CURRENT MENTAL STATUS/TREATMENT NEEDS

Mr. Lewis related during the interview in a serious, open, friendly and cooperative manner. His mental status was within normal limits. There are no mental or emotional problems in this case. Hygiene and grooming were good. He was alert and well oriented. His thinking was rational, logical and coherent. His speech was normal, fluent and goal oriented. Affect was appropriate. There was no evidence of anxiety or of depression. Intellectually, he was functioning in the high average range. His eye contact was good. His memory was intact. His judgment was intact. His insight and self-awareness were good.

There is no significant drug or alcohol use in this case. Mr. Lewis used marijuana on occasion on an experimental basis. He was never dependent upon it. Alcohol has never been a problem. Drugs or alcohol were not related to his behavior in the commitment offense. There is no need for him to attend Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous. However, he has been voluntarily attending these two programs on a regular basis over the years.

Mr. Lewis has achieved significant accomplishments while in prison. He has not only obtained his GED, he also has continued his college education. He has received an AA Degree in Business in 1999, and then after that he obtained another AA Degree in Paralegal Studies, which he earned in the year 2000. He is working on his Bachelor of Arts Degree at this time. He is close to finishing this program. In addition, he has finished 6 Federal Emergency Management Agency Courses, in order to learn how to handle emergencies. These achievements are very commendable, and they are very rare in the prison setting.

He also has attended numerous self-help programs over the years. He has attended Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous since 1991; Alternatives to Violence in 1991; Breaking Barriers Program, a 16 week course in 1992; Hands of Peace Creative Conflict Resolution Workshop in 1995; Introduction to Meditation, 1995; Morals and Values Class, 1996; Breaking Barriers, 1996; Life Plan for Recovery, 1996; another Life Plan for Recovery, 1996; Hands of Peace Workshop, Training in Non-Conflict Resolution, 1996; Life Plan for Recovery, 1996; Breaking Barriers Program, 1997; Creative Conflict Resolution Course, 1997; Hands of Peace Workshop for Training in Non-Violence, 1997; RAPHA Christian Prison Fellowship Workshop, 1997; Hands of Peace Workshop for Training in Non-Violence, 1998; Certification for Facilitator

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Training, 1998; another Facilitator Training in Hands of Peace Workshop in 1998; Christian Prison Fellowship Seminar, 1998; Parenting Program, 1998; Christian Prison Fellowship Seminar, Preparing for Employment, 1998; Walk-A-Thon for Child Abuse Prevention, 1998; Christian Workers Bible Study, 1998; Christian Living Bible Study, 1998; Christian Living II Bible Study, 1998; Inmate Peer Education Program in Communicable Disease, 1999; Entrepreneur Development Class, 1999; Creative Non-Fiction Writing, 2000; Anger Management, 2002; Impact Workshop Victim's Awareness, 2002; Righting Wrong Relationships Christian Prison Fellowship, 2003; The Birth of Christ Bible Study, 2004; Anger Management Course and Family Effectiveness Training, 2005; Anger Management and Fatherhood, 2005; Anger Management, 2005; Healing the Angry Heart Anger Management Program, 2006.

There is no evidence of mental or emotional problems in this case. In the past, he has been given a diagnosis of Antisocial Personality Disorder, significantly improved. This diagnosis is based upon the fact that as a juvenile and as an adult, he was involved in illegal activities. Although this label may be of interest for historical reasons, there is no evidence at this time in his life of features of Antisocial Personality Disorder. Mr. Lewis does have concern for others, empathy towards others, and concern towards others who are suffering; and his values are solidly pro-social. There is no evidence of any antisocial thinking or values at this point in his life. In the absence of these characteristics, the diagnostic label of Antisocial Personality Disorder is no longer evident and no longer appropriate. Therefore, this will not be listed as a current diagnostic problem.

### **CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSION**

Axis I: No mental disorder  
 Axis II: No personality disorder  
 Axis III: No physical disorder  
 Axis IV: Life term incarceration  
 Axis V: Current GAF: 95

### **XIII. REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME**

Mr. Lewis accepts full responsibility for his commitment offense. At the time of this offense he was accompanied by others who were gang members. He was motivated to act out violently in order to obtain peer approval and gain status. Unfortunately, a 17 year old, innocent female was killed and others were wounded.



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Mr. Lewis fully accepts his need for being punished for this crime. There is no evidence of resentment or of criticism towards the sentence that he is serving. He does have a good attitude, and he is willing to serve as much time as necessary. He noted that prison has been in many ways a blessing for him. His prison experience has shown him how to be constructive and successful in life. He is participating in self-improvement activities by taking advantage of the opportunity to acquire higher education and to participate in Bible studies. As a result, he has learned how to stand alone, do that which is right, and not yield to peer pressure, make positive choices in the middle of a crisis situation, and act in a way that is helpful and constructive towards others, rather than being self-centered and destructive in his responses. He commented that living in prison gives an inmate a daily workshop experience in handling confrontations, hostility in others, and abuse from others in a positive, calm and constructive manner.

Mr. Lewis is very aware of the damage that he has done to his victims, to the victims' families, as well as his own family. He spoke at length about how his own daughter, who is now 18, but last year was only 17, comes to visit him, and how he realized that if he were to lose her, due to someone killing her as he did to the victim in the commitment offense, how terrible and disastrous this would be. He does have deep feelings of concern and empathy towards his victims and their families. He speaks openly about how important it is to do the right thing, not just simply to do whatever thing the peers around him expect.

Mr. Lewis has come a long way during the 18 years of his incarceration. The last panel asked that the psychologist give an opinion as to Mr. Lewis' ability to maintain his current gains. In my opinion, his gains are now solidly a part of his thinking and personality. This is not something that he has recently acquired. In my opinion, he will continue to maintain his gains in the future.

#### **XIV. ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS**

- A. In considering potential for dangerous behavior in the institution, he has not had a serious disciplinary since 1999. His last cell fight was in 1994. This was 12 years ago. He is no longer the irresponsible 19 year old that he was at the time of the commitment offense. In comparison to other inmates, potential for dangerous behavior is below average.
- B. In considering potential for dangerous behavior when released to the community, I agree with the previous two psychological evaluations that stated that his potential for violence is no greater than the average citizen

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in the community. This conclusion is supported by the administration of the Level of Service Inventory-Revised, which is an actuarial measure that assesses criminal history, substance abuse history, academic achievements and social factors to determine the risk level on parole. His score on this assessment is 4.2 cumulative frequency for prison inmates. This means that if 100 men were released on parole, he would do better on parole than 95 of them. This is a very low risk level. He no longer poses a risk to society.

C. There are no significant risk factors in this case.

**XV. CLINICIAN OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

There are no mental or emotional problems in this case that would interfere with parole planning. Mr. Lewis has not only achieved 2 Associate of Arts Degrees while in custody, he has also completed Vocational Dry Cleaning and Vocational Fork Lift Operator. He also has a degree as a paralegal. In addition, he is certified to prepare income taxes. With these skills, employment will not be an issue in this case. He also has the support of his wife who lives in Salinas, California. He also has job offers in the Monterey County area. In addition to these factors that would indicate a positive prognosis on parole, he has strong family support in the community that will ensure that he has all of the resources necessary to do very well on parole. The prognosis for successful adjustment in the community is excellent.

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# EXHIBIT 3

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**LIFE PRISONER EVALUATION REPORT  
SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
OCTOBER 2005 CALENDAR**

LEWIS, SAMUEL

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**I. COMMITMENT FACTORS:**

A. **Life Crime:** Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> (PC 187) Count 1, Los Angeles County Case #A964645. Sentence: 15 to Life. MEPD: 3/21/98. Victim: Shivone Perry, age unknown. Received by CDC on 1/4/89.

1. **Summary of Crime:** All relevant documents from the previous hearings including the transcripts have been considered and the information appears valid and the writer has no further information to add.

2. **Prisoner's Version:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.

3. **Aggravating/Mitigating Circumstances:**

a. **Aggravating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.

b. **Mitigating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.

B. **Multiple Crime(s):** None.

1. **Summary of Crime:** None.

2. **Prisoner's Version:** None.

**INMATE COPY****II. PRECONVICTION FACTORS:**

A. **Juvenile Record:** Remains the same.

B. **Adult Convictions:** Remains the same.

C. **Personal Factors:** Remains the same.

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### III. POSTCONVICTION FACTORS:

- A. Special Programming/Accommodations: None.
- B. Custody History: Documents from the previous hearings have been considered and that information remains valid. During the period of time since the last hearing (10/28/04), Lewis' behavior has been positive in that he has remained disciplinary free and maintained a stable work program at his assignment as a wing laundry clerk. He is enrolled in an Independent Study Program through Coastline Community College and FEMA courses.
- C. Therapy and Self-Help Activities: Lewis attends Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings, completed Dr. Thomas Gordon's Family Effectiveness Training/Harmony in the Home self-help program and the leadership course.
- D. Disciplinary History: Lewis has received seven CDC 128A's and seven CDC 115's. See disciplinary sheet for details.
- E. Other: A Subsequent Hearing was held on 10/28/04. The BPT denied parole for an additional one year.

#### Recommendations:

1. Get self help.
2. Stay disciplinary free.

### IV. FUTURE PLANS:

- A. Residence: Since Lewis' last Board hearing he has married. His wife, Lisa Cushman, resides at 1621 Cadiz Circle in Salinas, California (831) 443-6791. Lewis wishes to parole to Monterey County to reside with his wife who is manager of a Rite Aide Drug Store in Salinas. His wife is willing to relocate to another county if the Board does not approve his release to Monterey County.
- B. Employment: Lewis plans to seek employment as a forklift operator or dry-cleaner as he developed these skills while incarcerated. He has sent resumes and has applications on file at the following companies: Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Salvation Army, Monterey/Salinas Transit as well as others (see Lewis' parole plans on file).
- C. Assessment: Lewis married Lisa Cushman on 3/19/05. She will provide a home as well as emotional and financial support until Lewis is able to secure employment and become a product member of his community. Lewis has a valid residence and viable work skills. He has met the BPT recommendations and

should have a successful parole. This writer has witnessed his growth and maturity over the years. He has been a positive example to his peers, his daughter and his nephew.

V. USINS STATUS: No holds.

VI. SUMMARY:

- A. Prior to release, Lewis could benefit by updating his support letters, developing resources for employment and continuing his positive behavior.
- B. This report is based upon a personal interview, incident contact in the housing unit and a thorough review of the Central File.
- C. Lewis was afforded the opportunity to review the Central File. See CDC 128B dated 6/17/05.
- D. No accommodation was required per the Armstrong vs. Davis BPT Parole Proceedings Remedial Plan (ARP) for effective communication.

M. Rubio 7-1-05  
M. Rubio Date  
Correctional Counselor I

J.L. Sareli 7-1-05  
J.L. Sareli Date  
Correctional Counselor II

J.L. Clancy 7-1-05  
J.L. Clancy Date  
Facility Captain

D. S. Levorse 7-5-05  
D. S. Levorse Date  
Classification and Parole Representative

BOARD OF PRISON TERMS

## LIFE PRISONER: POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA


- ☐ DOCUMENTATION HEARING
- ☒ PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING
- ☐ PROGRESS HEARING

## INSTRUCTIONS

TO CDC STAFF: DOCUMENT EACH 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE THE LIFE TERM STARTS TO PRESENT

TO BPT STAFF: FOR EACH 12-MONTH INCREMENT APPLY THE GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH THE PAROLE DATE WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED, ie., 0-2 MONTHS FOR PBR AND 0-4 MONTHS FOR BPT. SEE BPT §§2290 - 2292, 2410 AND 2439.

## POSTCONVICTION CREDIT

YEAR	BPT	PBR	REASONS
10/04 to Present			<b>PLACEMENT:</b> CTF. <b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A. <b>VOC. TRAINING:</b> None. <b>ACADEMICS:</b> Enrolled in Coastline Community College (see CDC 128b 12/15/04), A leadership course (see grade report 11/23/04) and FEMA (see certificates 11/8/04, 11/18/04, 12/2/04, 2/25/05, 5/2/05). <b>WORK RECORD:</b> Assigned as a laundry clerk with exceptional work reports. <b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Attends AA/NA meeting and completed Family Effectiveness Training (see CDC 128B's 4/18/05, 3/15/05, 1/31/05, 12/22/04, 10/1/04 and 2/24/05). <b>PSYCH. TREATMENT:</b> None. <b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> Remained positive and disciplinary free. <b>OTHER:</b> None.
CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE
			7-1-05
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## DISCIPLINARY SHEET

CDC 128A's:

02/27/94	RJD	Out of Bounds.
04/23/93	RJD	Unissued Property.
11/13/92	RJD	Delaying Count.
07/21/92	RJD	Obeying Orders.
03/24/91	SCC	Failure to Report.
05/19/90	CTF	Unauthorized Property.
01/12/90	CTF	Failure to Report.

CDC 115's:

08/10/99	CTF	3005(b)	Refusing a Direct Order: Guilty, assessed 25 hours extra duty.
09/14/95	RJD	3015	Out of Bounds: Guilty, assessed 30 days loss of privileges and 40 hours extra duty.
12/08/94	RJD	3006	Contraband: Guilty, assessed 40 hours extra duty.
03/10/94	RJD	3005(c)	Fighting: Guilty, assessed 90 days credit loss, 30 days loss of privileges and 40 hours extra duty.
07/29/93	RJD	3005(b)	Disobeying Orders: Guilty, assessed 30 days loss of credit, 90 days loss of privileges.
10/27/91	RJD	3006(a)	Possession of Tattoo Gun; Guilty, assessed 40 hours extra duty.
04/07/90	CTF	3005(c)	Physical Altercation with Another Inmate: Guilty assessed 90 days loss of credits, 10 days CTQ.

# EXHIBIT 4

**PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS  
(REVISED AUGUST 1998)  
PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
APRIL 2004 LIFER CALENDAR**

**CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY, SOLEDAD  
FEBRUARY 25, 2004**

This is a psychological evaluation update for the Board of Prison Terms on inmate Samuel Lewis, CDC# E-05524. This report is based on a personal clinical interview of the inmate on 02/25/04. Additionally, in preparation for this report, the Central file, unit health records, and the previous BPT assessment completed by Dr. J. Reed in 2001 were reviewed. This clinical interview and the review of all pertinent documents were for the express purpose of preparing this report.


Inmate Lewis is a 34-year-old, divorced, African-American male whose date of birth is 03/23/69. No obvious unusual physical characteristics were observed, and he denied the use of any nicknames or aliases.

Since his last BPT psychological evaluation in 2001, inmate Lewis has continued to program well within the institutional framework, with no 115s on file. Since 1998, he has been employed in the laundry services, and continues his NA and AA programming.

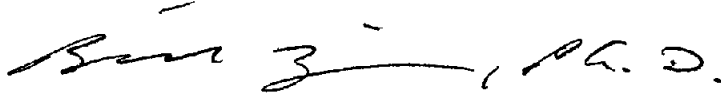
Inmate Lewis has already served 16 years of a 15-year to life term, and during this time, he has continued to pursue both academic and vocational goals. In 1999, he obtained an associate degree in business management, followed by a paralegal degree in 2001. Currently, he is enrolled in a correspondence program with Indiana Institute of Technology, working toward a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

During the clinical interview, inmate Lewis presented as an articulate, mature, and responsible individual with a clear sense of goals and direction. He has no mental health or drug-related issues which would impede his success in the community. In a previous psychological assessment by Dr. J. Reed, inmate Lewis's risk potential in a community setting is documented as being low, with no significant changes in circumstances since the last evaluation. Currently, inmate Lewis has a risk potential no greater than the average citizen, and is a suitable candidate for release consideration.

If released into the community, inmate Lewis plans to reside with his mother, a registered nurse living in Los Angeles, California. He has strong family support, facilitating reintegration into a community setting.

  
**E. W. Hewchuk, Ph.D.  
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# EXHIBIT 5

**MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION FOR THE BOARD OF PRISON TERMS  
(REVISED AUGUST 1998)  
PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
MARCH 2001 LIFER CALENDAR**

**CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY, SOLEDAD  
NOVEMBER 15, 2001**

This is a mental health evaluation for the Board of Prison Terms for inmate Samuel Lewis, CDC# E-05524. This report is based upon a personal clinical interview of the inmate, conducted on 11/15/01, as well as a review of his Central file and unit health record. This clinical interview and a review of all pertinent documents were for the express purpose of preparing this report.

**PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

Inmate Lewis is a 32-year-old, divorced, African-American male whose date of birth is 03/23/69. He is an American citizen. His stated religious preference is Protestant. He has no obvious unusual physical characteristics and denied the use of any nicknames or aliases.

**II. DEVELOPMENTAL HISTORY:**

Inmate Lewis denied any significant developmental history. He denied any childhood history of physical or sexual abuse as either a perpetrator or a victim.

**III. EDUCATIONAL HISTORY:**

Inmate Lewis stated that he attended public school and completed the eleventh grade. In 1990, he said he received his GED while at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. In 1999, he reported receiving his AA degree in business, and in 2000, he reported receiving his AA degree in paralegal studies.

In 1990, his measured grade point level was 12.9 TABE. He has no history of special education or behavioral problems in school. He is currently taking a tax correspondence course.

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IV. FAMILY HISTORY:

Inmate Lewis denied any significant substance abuse or criminal history in his family. He described his current relationships with his family members as warm and supportive, that he receives monthly visits and weekly telephone calls. He stated there is no history of abuse with his family members.

V. PSYCHOSEXUAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION:

Inmate Lewis stated that he is a heterosexual male. He denied any history of sexual aggression or high-risk sexual behavior.

VI. MARITAL HISTORY:

Inmate Lewis stated that he been married twice. His first marriage began in 1988 and ended in 1990 due to incarceration-related problems. He has one child from this relationship who is 13 years of age.

His second marriage began in 1991 and ended in 1994, again due to incarceration-related problems. He said that there is no history of abuse in any of these relationships.

He has maintained some contact with both of his previous wives. He stated that he has maintained a warm and supportive relationship with his 13-year-old daughter. They communicate through visits, letters and telephone calls. He said there is no history of abuse in this relationship.

VII. MILITARY HISTORY:

This inmate has no record of military history.

VIII. EMPLOYMENT/INCOME HISTORY:

Inmate Lewis' preincarceration work history includes working two years in an Altadena dairy as a stock person and cashier.

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His incarceration work history includes becoming certified in 1997 in vocational dry cleaning, and becoming certified as a forklift operator in 1998. He is currently on the waiting list for data processing.

**IX. SUBSTANCE ABUSE HISTORY:**

Inmate Lewis denies having a significant substance abuse history. He did acknowledge having used marijuana in the past on occasion.

Notably, in 1997, a psychological report by Dr. Calix suggests continued monitoring for drug and alcohol abuse upon parole. A parole evaluation in 1997 by Rodriguez also indicates a possible history of drug abuse. However, in this writer's opinion, the record does not indicate a significant history of drug abuse.

To his credit, the inmate has attended Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous since 1991, and he currently attends these groups. In 1996, he attended a Basic and Advanced Life Plan for Recovery From Substance Abuse.

**X. PSYCHIATRIC AND MEDICAL HISTORY:**

Inmate Lewis has a previous psychiatric diagnosis of Antisocial Personality Disorder. He does not have a history of prior hospitalizations. He has no history of suicidal behavior.

He has no significant history of serious accidents, including head injuries. He does not have a history of seizure or other neurological conditions. He has no significant impairments or illnesses. He is currently not taking any significant medications.

**XI. PLANS IF GRANTED RELEASE:**

If granted parole, this inmate plans to live in Los Angeles County with his mother, who has agreed to this arrangement. Alternatively, he prefers to parole to New Orleans and live with his uncle, who has agreed to



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this arrangement. His financial and vocational plans include working in dry cleaning, as a warehouseman or in labor jobs. Also, his uncle promised him a job at his trucking company located in New Orleans.

### CLINICAL ASSESSMENT

#### XII. CURRENT MENTAL STATUS/TREATMENT NEEDS:

During the clinical interview, inmate Lewis was alert and oriented to person, place and time. He was well dressed and groomed. His speech was articulate and contextually meaningful. His mood and affect were within normal limits and his behavior was appropriate to the setting. No evidence of a mood or thought disorder was demonstrated. His estimated level of intellectual functioning was within the average range.

#### CURRENT DIAGNOSTIC IMPRESSIONS:

**AXIS I:** No Contributory Clinical Disorder.  
**AXIS II:** Antisocial Personality Disorder,  
significantly improved.

In addition to attending Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous groups, inmate Lewis has attended a number of other self-help groups. He attended Breaking Barriers from 1996 to 1997. In 1996, he attended the Morals and Values class. In 1995, he completed Conflict Resolution class, and he reports also having worked as a teacher in this subject. In 1992, he attended Breaking Barriers, and in 1991, he attended the Alternatives to Violence class. The inmate further states that he has attended numerous other self-help groups. He does appear to have profited significantly from his participation in these self-help groups.

#### XIII. REVIEW OF LIFE CRIME:

Inmate Lewis described the circumstances surrounding his commitment offense, involving Second Degree Murder

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with a Firearm. He admitted full responsibility for the death of the victim, a 17-year-old girl.

He recalled how he got into an argument with someone and later returned with four other gang members of the Van Ness Gangsters. He reported using his shotgun, firing at a group of teenagers, and killing the 17-year-old girl and wounding three others.

Inmate Lewis discussed the damage done to the victims, to the victims' families, and to his own family. He has gained increased understanding of the damage done and he appears genuinely penitent for his crime.

**XIV. ASSESSMENT OF DANGEROUSNESS:**

- A. His violence potential within a controlled setting is considered to be below average relative to this Level II inmate population. This conclusion is based upon several factors.

On the one hand, he has a juvenile criminal history, involving a 1987 arrest for grand theft auto, and being convicted of having a concealed hand gun. As a juvenile, he also admits to having associated with members of the Van Ness Gangsters, with the Crips and with the Bloods for approximately three years.

While in CDC, he has obtained seven CDC-115 violations and seven CDC-128 disciplinaries.

On the other hand, however, he has not received a significant disciplinary for violent behavior in approximately seven years. He shows significant improvement over the last six years, and he appears to have profited from his participation in numerous self-help groups. He has shown consistent goal attainment ability by obtaining his AA degrees in 1999 and 2000. Moreover, his achievements indicate, over the last six years, good acceptance of responsibility, good behavioral controls, and a strong pattern of

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prosocial behavior. No further association with gangs was found.

Therefore, in light of these factors, his violence potential is considered to be below average relative to this Level II inmate population.

- B. There are no significant risk factors which may be precursors to violence for this individual.

**XV. CLINICIAN OBSERVATIONS/COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. This inmate is competent and responsible for his behavior. He has the capacity to abide by institutional standards.
- B. This inmate does not have a mental health disorder which would necessitate treatment either during his incarceration period or following upon parole.
- C. This inmate does not appear to have a significant drug or alcohol problem, and there are no recommendations in this area.



JOE REED, Ph.D.  
Staff Psychologist  
CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY, SOLEDAD

JR/gmj

D: 11/15/01  
T: 11/16/01

# EXHIBIT 6

**LIFE PRISONER EVALUATION REPORT  
SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
APRIL 2004 CALENDAR**

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**I. COMMITMENT FACTORS:**

- A. **Life Crime:** Murder, 2nd Degree, 187 PC, count 1, Case #LA A964645. Sentence 15 years to Life. Victim: Shivone Perry, age: unknown. MEPD: 3/21/98. Received by CDC on 1-4-89.

1. **Summary of Crime:** On 2/18/88; Samuel Lewis and Marcus Villegas engaged in a dispute over gang territory. Villegas was then challenged by Lewis to a fight, but this did not occur due to the disapproval of Villegas' brother. After stating that he would be back with his "home boys", Lewis left and returned with his friends. Another argument arose at which time it was stated that it was their neighborhood and he was going to get them both. Later that evening Lewis, carrying a sawed-off shotgun, approached the front porch where Villegas and a number of teenagers were sitting. Five or six rounds were shot, Levelle Bullard was shot in the arm, Shivone Perry was shot in the back, and April Purcell was also shot. Villegas was shot at by Lewis but was not hit. Lewis was later identified by witnesses as the shooter and stated that he was accompanied by Leon Milton. This information was taken from page two and three of the Probation Officer's Report dated 11/16/88.

2. **Prisoner's Version:** Regarding his version of the crime, Lewis stated, "On February 15, 1988, I was driving down Tenth Avenue when Marco Villegas and I made eye contact. We began staring at each other. Marcus said something I took as a challenge. I said something in return. I then stopped the car got out, and challenged Marcus to a fight. His brother would not allow Marcus to fight me. His brother was bigger than me, so I left and went and got some guys I knew who were gang members. At this time I was not a gang member, but I wanted to join. We went back to Tenth Avenue, and Marcus' brother wanted to fight me. I did not want to fight him, because he was bigger than me.

As we were leaving Tenth Avenue Leon told me that we would deal with this. Later that night they came and got me from my Mother's house and

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told me let's go handle this. I drove to Ninth Avenue. When I got out of the car, Leon handed me a shotgun and told me I have to handle this. We then walked from Ninth Avenue to Tenth Avenue. Leon told me which porch they were sitting on. I walked up to the porch, closed my eyes, and began shooting. We then ran back to Ninth Avenue and drove away. We were stopped about an hour later and arrested."

3. **Aggravating/Mitigating Circumstances:**

a. **Aggravating Factors:**

- 1.. The crime involved great violence, great bodily harm, and acts disclosing a high degree of cruelty, viciousness and callousness.
- 2.. The defendant was armed with a weapon at the time of the crime (shotgun).
3. The crime involved multiple victims.
4. The manner in which the crime was committed created a potential for serious injury to persons other than the victims of the crime.

b. **Mitigating Factors:** None noted.

B. **Multiple Crime(s):** None.

1. **Summary of Crime:** None.
2. **Prisoner's Version:** None.

II. **PRECONVICTION FACTORS:**

A. **Juvenile Record:**

1. On 1/24/87, Lewis was arrested by LAPD for Grand Theft Auto (487.3PC). Disposition: unknown.
2. On 3/13/87, Lewis was arrested by LAPD for Carrying a Concealed Weapon (12025(B) PC). Disposition: unknown. This information was taken from page #6 of the POR dated 11/15/88.

B. **Adult Convictions:**

1. On 2/5/88, Lewis was arrested by LAPD for Carrying a Concealed Weapon, in a Vehicle (12025(A)PC). Disposition: Released, insufficient evidence. All information regarding arrest and dispositions were obtained

from the Department of Justice Bureau of Criminal Identification Report dated 3/18/89, and POR page #11 dated 11/5/88.

- C. **Personal Factors:** Samuel Lewis was born to the union of Samuel Lewis and Shirley Lewis on 3/23/69, in Los Angeles, California. He has three sisters and three brothers. When he was seven years old, his parents were divorced. Lewis has prior work experience with Altadena Dairy. He attended Reseda and Dorsey High School and he was active in sports. Lewis received his GED in 1992 and his second Associate of Arts Degree in 2002. In 1988, Lewis married Joan Moore. One child was born from this union. The couple was divorced in 1990. On 5/16/96, Lewis married Tracee Steele Lewis and he has two step-daughters from that relationship. Lewis and Tracee were divorced in 1997. He used alcohol and marijuana at the age of 18 years. He never served in the military.

### III. **POSTCONVICTION FACTORS:**

- A. **Special Programming/Accommodations:** None.
- B. **Custody History:** Documents from the previous hearings have been considered and that information remains valid. During the period of time since the last hearing (4-30-02) Lewis' behavior has been positive, in that he has remained disciplinary free and received exceptional work reports in his assignment as a wing laundry clerk. Lewis is enrolled in an Independent Study Program and has completed courses in Federal Individual Income Tax and California State Income Tax. He is currently enrolled in the Indiana Institute of Technology majoring in Business.
- C. **Therapy and Self-Help Activities:** Lewis has completed the thirteen week Impact Workshop. He has participated as an active member of Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous.
- D. **Disciplinary History:** Lewis has received sever CDC 128A's and seven CDC 115's. See disciplinary sheet for details.
- E. **Other:** A Subsequent Parole Consideration Hearing was held on 4-30-02. The Board recommended:
1. Become disciplinary free.
  2. Upgrade vocationally.
  3. Participate in self-help and therapy.

Parole was denied for an additional two years.

**IV. FUTURE PLANS:**

- A. Residence:** Lewis plans to reside with his mother, Shirley Lewis, 4831 3rd Avenue, Los Angeles, CA. (213) 292-1305.
- B. Employment:** Lewis plans to seek employment in dry cleaning or as a fork lift operator as he has certificates in these fields. He also hopes to continue his education and work as a paralegal.
- C. Assessment:** Lewis has attempted to meet the BPT recommendations and the writer believes he would have a successful parole. He has obtained marketable skills and has the support of his family.

**V. USINS STATUS:** No holds.

**VI. SUMMARY:**

- A.** Considering the commitment offense, prior record and prison adjustment, the writer believes Lewis would probably pose a low degree of threat to the public at this time, if released from prison.
- B.** Prior to release Lewis could benefit from: continuing to remain disciplinary free, continuing his studies and participate in Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous.
- C.** This report is based upon a one hour interview, incidental contact in the housing unit and a thorough review of the Central File lasting four hours.
- D.** Lewis was afforded an opportunity to examine his Central File. See chrono dated 12-12-03.
- E.** No accommodation was required per the Armstrong vs. Davis BPT Parole Proceedings Remedial Plan (ARP) for effective communication.



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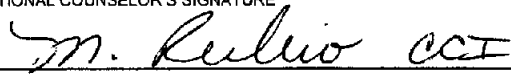
## LIFE PRISONER: POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

- ☐ DOCUMENTATION HEARING
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- ☐ PROGRESS HEARING

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POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
April 2002 to March 2003			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> CTF</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Med A</p> <p><b>VOC. TRAINING:</b> None.</p> <p><b>ACADEMICS:</b> Enrolled in an Independent Study Program and completed courses in Federal and California State Income Taxes (see certificates dated 7-1-02 and 8-1-02).</p> <p><b>WORK RECORD:</b> Assigned as a Wing Laundry Clerk (see CDC 101 4-3-02). Lewis received a Laudatory Chrono from his supervisor (See CDC 128B 6-6-02).</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Lewis completed the Impact workshop (see CDC 128B 12-16-02) and participated in Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous (see CDC 128B's 4-1-02, 4-11-02, 6-26-02, 10-2-02, 10-24-02, 1-6-03).</p> <p><b>PSYCH. TREATMENT:</b> None.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinarys.</p> <p><b>OTHER:</b> None.</p>
CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE
			4-15-04
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POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
APRIL 2003 to Present			<b>PLACEMENT:</b> CTF <b>CUSTODY:</b> Med A <b>VOC. TRAINING:</b> None. <b>ACADEMICS:</b> Enrolled in an Independent Study Program with Indiana Institute of Technology majoring in Business. <b>WORK RECORD:</b> Assigned as a Wing Laundry Clerk. <b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Participate in Alcoholics/Narcotic Anonymous (see CDC 128B's 4-2-03, 4-25-03, 6-13-03, 10-7-03). <b>PSYCH. TREATMENT:</b> None. <b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinaries. <b>OTHER:</b> None.

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**DISCIPLINARY SHEET****CDC 128A's:**

02/27/94	RJD	Out of Bounds.
04/23/93	RJD	Unissued Property.
11/13/92	RJD	Delaying Count.
07/21/92	RJD	Obeying Orders.
03/24/91	SCC	Failure to Report.
05/19/90	CTF	Unauthorized Property.
01/12/90	CTF	Failure to Report.

**CDC 115's:**

08/10/99	CTF	3005(b)	Refusing a Direct Order: Guilty, assessed 25 hours extra duty.
09/14/95	RJD	3015	Out of Bounds: Guilty, assessed 30 days loss of privileges and 40 hours extra duty.
12/08/94	RJD	3006	Contraband: Guilty, assessed 40 hours extra duty.
03/10/94	RJD	3005(c)	Fighting: Guilty, assessed 90 days credit loss, 30 days loss of privileges and 40 hours extra duty.
07/29/93	RJD	3005(b)	Disobeying Orders: Guilty, assessed 30 days loss of credit, 90 days loss of privileges.
10/27/91	RJD	3006(a)	Possession of Tattoo Gun: Guilty, assessed 40 hours extra duty.
04/07/90	CTF	3005(c)	Physical Altercation with Another Inmate: Guilty, assessed 90 days loss of credits, 10 days CTQ.

M. Rubio 4-15-04  
M. Rubio Date  
Correctional Counselor I

L.R. Baker 4-15-04  
L.R. Baker Date  
Correctional Counselor II (A)

J. Clancy 4-16-04  
J. Clancy Date  
Facility Captain

4) D. S. Levorse 4-19-04  
D. S. Levorse Date  
Classification and Parole Representative

# EXHIBIT 7

**LIFE PRISONER EVALUATION REPORT  
SUBSEQUENT PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
MARCH 2001 CALENDAR**

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**I. COMMITMENT FACTORS:**

- A. **LIFE CRIME:** Murder 2nd (PC 187) Count 1, Los Angeles County Case # A964645. Sentence: 15 to Life. MEPD: 03/21/98. Victim: Shivone Perry, age unknown. Received by CDC on 01/04/89.
1. **Summary of Crime:** All relevant documents from the previous hearings including the transcripts have been considered and the information appears valid and the writer has no further information to add.
  2. **Prisoner's Version:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.
- B. **AGGRAVATING/MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES:**
1. **Aggravating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.
  2. **Mitigating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearing.

**II. PRECONVICTION FACTORS:**

- A. **Juvenile Record:** Remains the same.
- B. **Adult Convictions:** Remains the same.
- C. **Personal Factors:** Remains the same.

**III. POSTCONVICTION FACTORS:**

- A. **Special Accommodations/Disability:** None noted.
- B. **Custody History:** Documents from the previous hearings have been considered and that information remains valid. During the period of time since the last hearing, Lewis' behavior has remained the same. Lewis is assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry attendant and has received above average to exceptional work

reports. Lewis received certificate from College for Professional Studies in Paralegal Studies, Kaplan College in Legal Research Specialty, Real Estate Law Specialty, Law Office Management Specialty and Litigation Assistantship Specialty and he received a degree of Associate in Specialized Business.

- C. **Therapy & Self-Help Activities:** Lewis attends Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous programs.
- D. **Disciplinary History:** Lewis has received seven CDC 115's and seven CDC 128A's. See Disciplinary Sheet for details.

IV. **FUTURE PLANS:**

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V. **USINS STATUS:** No holds noted.

VI. **SUMMARY:**

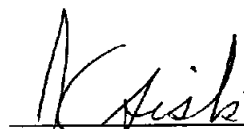
- A. Considering the commitment offense, prior record, and prison adjustment, the writer believes Lewis would probably pose a moderate to low degree of threat to the public at this time, if released from prison.
- B. Prior to release, Lewis could benefit from remaining disciplinary free, maintaining a stable work record and participating in a self-help program.
- C. This Board report is based upon a one hour interview, incidental contact in the housing unit and a thorough review of the Central File.
- D. Lewis reviewed his Central File on 08/07/01.

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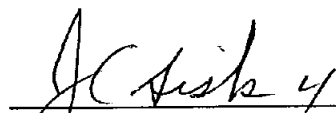
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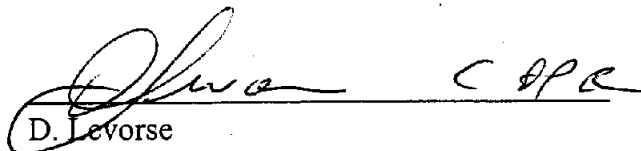
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## DISCIPLINARY SHEET

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POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
04/97 to 03/98			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> R.J. Donovan Correctional Facility.</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFICATION SCORE:</b> 18 points.</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC:</b> Lewis was taking correspondence courses in Business Management from the center for Degree Studies.</p> <p><b>WORK:</b> Assigned to Textiles with average to above average work reports (see CDC 101 01/26/98).</p> <p><b>VOCATION:</b> Assigned to Vocational dry cleaning.</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Completed the "Breaking Barriers" Program (see CDC 128B 05/12/97). Attended Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings (see CDC 128B's 06/30/97, 10/06/97, 12/97 and 03/98). Completed "Hands of Peace" workshop (see CDC 128B 03/24/98)</p> <p><b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinary problems.</p>
CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE
<i>Samuel Lewis CCI</i>			10-25-01
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## CONTINUATION SHEET: LIFE PRISONER : POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

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YEAR	BPT	PBR	
04/98 to 03/99			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> Transferred from R.J. Donovan to the Correctional Training Facility on 07/08/98.</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFICATION SCORE:</b> 10 points.</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC:</b> Lewis was taking correspondence courses in Business Management from the Center for Degree Studies (see CDC 128B dated 08/17/98).</p> <p><b>WORK:</b> Assigned to Textiles and received average to above average work reports (see CDC 101's 04/26/98 and 07/07/98).</p> <p><b>VOCATION:</b> Received a training certificate of completion for fork lift operator (see certificate dated 04/13/98).</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Attended Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings (see CDC 128B's 06/98, 11/12/98 and 07/07/98). Attended Parenting Program (see certificate 04/14/98).</p> <p><b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinary problems.</p>

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LEWIS, SAMUEL

E-05524

CTF-SOLEDAD

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## CONTINUATION SHEET: LIFE PRISONER : POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
09/99 to 03/00			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> Correctional Training Facility.</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFICATION SCORE:</b> 2 points.</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC:</b> Received a degree in Specialized Business (see certificate dated 07/12/99).</p> <p><b>WORK:</b> Assigned the wing laundry clerk and received above average to exceptional work reports (see CDC 101's 06/23/99, 10/11/99 and 01/18/00).</p> <p><b>VOCATION:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Attended Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings (see CDC 128B's 05/06/99, 05/29/99, 09/08/99, 10/08/99, 01/13/00, 01/20/00, 02/10/00 and 02/23/00).</p> <p><b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> Received a CDC 115 for refusing a direct order.</p>

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## SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF PAROLE:

- ☐ Previously imposed conditions affirmed.
- ☐ Add or modify

- ☐ Schedule for Progress Hearing on appropriate institutional calendar

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## CONTINUATION SHEET: LIFE PRISONER : POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
04/00 to 03/01			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> Correctional Training Facility.</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A.</p> <p><b>CLASSIFICATION SCORE:</b> Zero points.</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC:</b> Received Certificates of completion in Paralegal Studies (see Certificates from Kaplan College dated 12/12/00, 01/15/01, 02/09/01 and Associates degree college of Professional Studies 03/27/01).</p> <p><b>WORK:</b> Assigned as a wing laundry clerk and received exceptional work reports (see CDC 101 02/12/01).</p> <p><b>VOCATION:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Attended Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings (see CDC 128B's 05/26/00, 06/07/00, 09/28/00, 12/26/00 and 02/13/01).</p> <p><b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None during this period.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinary problems.</p>

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## CONTINUATION SHEET: LIFE PRISONER : POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT

POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
04/01 to Present			<b>PLACEMENT:</b> Correctional Training Facility. <b>CUSTODY:</b> Medium A. <b>CLASSIFICATION SCORE:</b> Zero Points. <b>ACADEMIC:</b> Received a Certificate of Completion from Kaplan College in Paralegal Studies (see Certificate dated 04/06/01). <b>WORK:</b> Assigned as a wing laundry clerk. <b>VOCATION:</b> None during this period. <b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Attended Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous meetings (see CDC 128B's 04/05/01, 04/27/01, 06/27/01 and 07/10/01). <b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None during this period. <b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> No disciplinary problems.

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E-05524

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# EXHIBIT 8

**LIFE PRISONER EVALUATION REPORT  
PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING  
OCTOBER 2007**

Name LEWIS, SAMUEL

CDC# E05524

**I. COMMITMENT FACTORS:**

A. **Life Crime:** Murder 2<sup>nd</sup> (PC 187) Count 1, LA County Case #A964645. Sentence: 15 to Life. MEPD: 3-21-98. Victim: Shivone Perry, age unknown.

1. **Summary of Crime:** All relevant documents from the previous hearings have been considered, and that information appears valid. The writer has no further information to add.

2. **Prisoner's Version:** In an interview for this report, Inmate indicated that his version remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

3. **Aggravating/Mitigating Circumstances:**

a. **Aggravating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

b. **Mitigating Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

B. **Multiple Crime(s):** None

1. **Summary of Crime:** N/A

2. **Prisoner's Version:** N/A

**II. PRECONVICTION FACTORS:**

A. **Juvenile Record:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

B. **Adult Convictions and Arrests:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

C. **Personal Factors:** Remains the same as stated in the previous hearings.

**III. POSTCONVICTION FACTORS:**

A. **Special Programming/Accommodations:** No special programming or accommodation needs are noted

B. **Custody History:** Remains housed at CTF-Soledad in the general population. Lewis is currently employed as the Laundry Attendant in his housing unit. He continues to receive exceptional work reports from his supervisors. Lewis has

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E05524

CTF-SOLEDAD

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Sent to Inmate on 10-25-07



received 3 laudatory chronos since the last hearing from 5 separate Correctional employees. It is very difficult to get staff to write these laudatory chronos. Lewis is to be commended on his positive attitude, excellent behavior, and consistent role modeling to have compelled CDCR staff to write the chronos. See CDCR 128B's dated 08-17-05, 08-20-05, 05-04-06, 09-26-06, 02-01-06. Lewis continues his Men's Advisory Council membership per CDCR 128B dated 09-14-05, more current chrono's are forthcoming.

- C. **Therapy and Self-Help Activities:** Lewis has continued his participation in AA/NA with numerous CDCR 128B's dated from 09-21-05 through 10-18-06 with the more recent CDCR 128B's forthcoming. Lewis has completed a number of courses dealing with Anger and the Management of it see CDCR 128B's dated 12-08-05, 02-23-06. Lewis is a Facilitator of AVP, which is the Alternatives to Violence program, see CDCR 128B dated 09-13-06 where he was interviewed by George Ramos, the Regional AVP Liaison to CTF. Lewis continues to facilitate the AVP groups per CDCR 128B's dated 10-24-06, 02-23-07(2), 09-25-06. Currently, Lewis is being considered as a co-facilitator for the Victim Offender Education Group (VOEG) Facilitated by this writer, CCI Mitchell. Lewis possesses an insight into himself and the impact his crime has had on Shivone Perry, her family, his family and society. He will be an excellent Co-facilitator. Lewis has completed some Religious based self-help course Facilitated by Judge Lindsey per CDCR 128B's dated 03-27-07(2), 04-12-07.
- D. **Disciplinary History:** Disciplinary free this period.
- E. **Other:** Lewis appears very involved in self help groups with in the institution. Lewis demonstrates this by facilitating AVP for fellow inmates as well as working on Business plans to develop AVP type groups for our society's youth on the outside. Lewis can articulate himself clearly and is very goal oriented. He has multiple AA degrees and is currently working on his BS degree. Lewis also continues his learning by participating in Educational Video courses and doing book reports on them. Please see CDCR 128B's dated 09-12-06, and 03-01-07.

#### IV. **FUTURE PLANS:**

- A. **Residence:** **Residence plan #1:** Lewis plans to reside with his wife, Lisa Lewis at 1621 Cadiz Circle, Salinas, Ca. Mrs. Lewis is currently employed at Longs Drug store in Carmel, Ca. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis has both worked extensively on their relationship through self-help, books such as Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus, as well as others. Lewis states he knows the transition into society will be an adjustment, but the transition to actually living with his wife he knows will be challenging. Lewis states that he and his wife are aware of this and are currently working on the potential difficulties they may face within the relationship.

**Residence plan #2:** Lewis plans to live with his mother, Shirley Lewis should the Parole Board find he needs to parole to LA County, which was his last place of legal residence. Mrs. Lewis's address is 4831 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. LA, Ca. 90043. Mrs. Lewis will allow temporary housing to her son and his wife until they are able to begin anew on their own. Lisa Lewis will relocate through Longs Drug to which ever county her husband paroles.

- B. **Employment:** Employment plan #1: Through the assistance of his wife, Lisa, Lewis has been able to secure Part-time employment with Labor Ready. This part-time employment will lead to full-time employment. Lewis will consistently seek other employment opportunities as a paralegal, forklift operator, drycleaner, and with various other companies who can utilize his marketable skills.

**Employment plan #2:** Lewis related to me that he has written a business plan for the implementation of a program that would assist Parolees with the transition to re-integrate back into society. This would be a city program, but subsidized through the Federal Government. Please ask Mr. Lewis about this as he is very passionate about the implementation of it. He knows the dollar figures involved and other pertinent information as he has done extensive research. Lewis has a passion to give back to the community and has developed a way to not only give back, but earn a living while doing it.

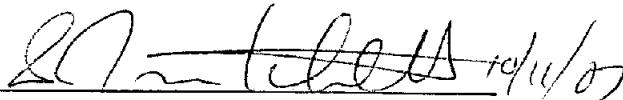
**Employment plan #3:** Lewis has a trust account set up in his name to supplement his income for living expenses and such until full-time employment can be procured.

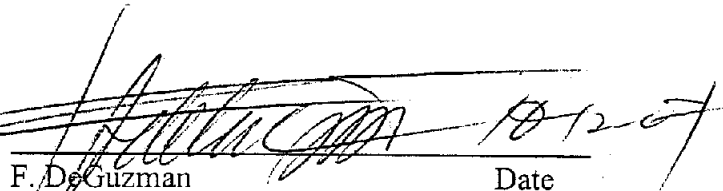
- C. **Assessment:** Lewis has very viable parole plans. He has support of his family and friends as well as income to assist him through the difficult transition into society and marriage. Lewis appears to have the ability to parole to where ever the Parole Board wants him and should adjust with out difficulty. Lewis has demonstrated an incredible ability to get involved with self-help programs, facilitate them and help his fellow inmates. He also has ideas and viable plans to start up new programs or facilitate existing self-help groups for fellow Parolees and our At-Risk youth. Lewis appears passionate about giving back to society and assisting At-Risk youth in turning their lives around.

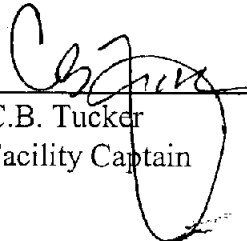
V. **USINS Status:** N/A

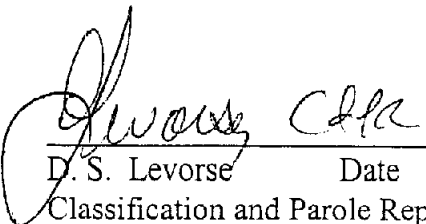
VI. **SUMMARY:**

- A. Prior to release, the prisoner could benefit from: Continuing exactly in the same path he is currently on. Lewis has many accomplishments while incarcerated for the past 20 years. He is focused, determined, compassionate, self-aware, and mature.
- B. This report is based upon an interview with the prisoner on 09-05-07 and a complete review of the central file lasting 3 hours.
- C. Prisoner was afforded an opportunity to review his central file, per the Olson Decision, on 09-05-07.
- D. No accommodation was required per the Armstrong vs. Davis BPT Parole Proceedings Remedial Plan for effective communication.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
S. Mitchell Date  
Correctional Counselor I

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
F. DeGuzman Date  
Correctional Counselor II

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
C.B. Tucker Date  
Facility Captain

  
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D. S. Levorse Date  
Classification and Parole Representative

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## LIFE PRISONER: POSTCONVICTION PROGRESS REPORT


STATE OF CALIFORNIA

- ☐ DOCUMENTATION HEARING
- ☐ PAROLE CONSIDERATION HEARING
- ☐ PROGRESS HEARING (Life term started )

## INSTRUCTIONS

TO CDC STAFF: DOCUMENT EACH 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE THE LIFE TERM STARTS TO PRESENT

TO BPT STAFF: FOR EACH 12-MONTH INCREMENT APPLY THE GUIDELINES UNDER WHICH THE PAROLE DATE WAS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED, ie., 0-2 MONTHS FOR PBR AND 0-4 MONTHS FOR BPT. SEE BPT §§2290 - 2292, 2410 AND 2439.

POSTCONVICTION CREDIT			REASONS
YEAR	BPT	PBR	
09-2006 to 09-2007			<p><b>PLACEMENT:</b> Housed at CTF-Soledad in the general population.</p> <p><b>CUSTODY:</b> Med A</p> <p><b>VOCATION:</b> None this period.</p> <p><b>ACADEMIC:</b> None this period.</p> <p><b>WORK:</b> Central First Watch Clerk.</p> <p><b>GROUP ACTIVITIES:</b> Lewis has continued his participation in AA/NA with numerous CDCR 128B's dated from 09-21-05 through 10-18-06 with the more recent CDCR 128B's forthcoming. Lewis has completed a number of courses dealing with Anger and the Management of it please see CDCR 128B's dated 12-08-05, 02-23-06. Lewis is a Facilitator of AVP, which is the Alternatives to Violence program, see CDCR 128B dated 09-13-06 where he was interviewed by George Ramos, the Regional AVP Liaison to CTF. Lewis continues to facilitate the AVP groups per CDCR 128B's dated 10-24-06, 02-23-07(2), 09-25-06.</p> <p><b>PSYCH TREATMENT:</b> None this period.</p> <p><b>PRISON BEHAVIOR:</b> Disciplinary free this period.</p>
CORRECTIONAL COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE			DATE
			10/05/07
LEWIS	E05524	CTF-SOLEDAD	SEP/07

# EXHIBIT 9

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

NAME and NUMBER LEWIS, S.


E05524

YW-322L

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

Inmate Lewis, E05524, YW-322L, is to be commended for his positive attitude and behavior. While working various posts I have observed Inmate Lewis since his arrival at CTF in 1998. Since July 2006, I have observed Inmate Lewis more closely while working in Y-Wing as a Tier Officer. I have observed him to be receptive and cooperative to the change in Staff members and their different style of management. His knowledge of Y-Wing and institutional operations has been an invaluable asset to Y-Wing Staff members as well as assisting other inmates. I have observed him to be tenacious and sincere in working towards and achieving his goal of rehabilitation. During my thirteen years I have never written a laudatory chrono. It is my professional opinion that Inmate Lewis will be a productive citizen in society when given the opportunity.

ORIG. : C-File  
cc : Unit File  
: CC-I  
: Writer  
: Inmate

  
G. S. TAYLOR  
Correctional Officer  
Y-Wing Tier

DATE 9/21/07

LAUDATORY CHRONO

CTF-C INFORMATIVE CHRONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

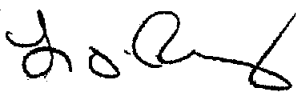
NAME and NUMBER LEWIS

E05524

YW-322L

Inmate LEWIS, E05524, YW-322L, has been assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry Attendant since December 1998. Since being assigned Y-Wing Security in June 2006, I have closely worked with Inmate LEWIS. I have observed Inmate LEWIS to be professional and courteous at all time toward staff and inmates alike. LEWIS has demonstrated to be consistent and dependable in his job assignment. In addition, I have observed his ability to remain clam and professional during stressful situations, potential confrontations. In my opinion I believe that his determination to succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life when he is released. **TABE Score: Not Listed**

ORIG. : C-File  
cc : Work Supervisor  
: CC-I  
: Writer  
: Inmate

  
L. J. RODRIGUEZ  
Correctional Officer  
Y-Wing Security

DATE 7/19/07

LAUDATORY CHRONO

INFORMATIONAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER

LEWIS

E-05524

YW-322L

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

It should be noted that I have observed inmate LEWIS, E-05524, overall efficiency for a period of (17) years since he has been housed here at Correctional Training Facility. Over the years inmate LEWIS has demonstrated the ability to conform to existing /established policies and procedures. I am persuaded by LEWIS' ability to maintain close family ties over this long period of incarceration, his participation in group therapy and his continuing effort to upgrade educationally. He has chosen to use his free time in the pursuit of positive endeavors. His attitude towards staff and inmates is always appropriate. Inmate LEWIS has programmed in an extremely positive way and should be commended for his commitment to change. It is my formal judgment that inmate LEWIS could be a productive citizen in society if given the opportunity to do so.



A. Ramos  
Correctional Officer, 2/W  
CTF-Central Facility

ORIG. : C-File  
cc : Unit File  
: CC-I  
: Inmate  
: Writer

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

NAME and NUMBER: LEWIS

E05524

YW-332L

Inmate Lewis has been assigned as the Y Wing laundry attendant for a number of years and who is also a member of the Men's Advisory Counsel (MAC). I have been the Unit II Sergeant and now Lieutenant for the past three years. During this time, I have been able to observe Inmate Lewis's work ethics and his interaction with staff and inmates. I have observed him to be professional, courteous and outgoing with everyone. Lewis never hesitates to be of assistance and takes the initiative when needed. This type of conduct makes him a very reliable worker and a role model for other inmates. His attitude and behavior are positive. In my opinion Inmate Lewis is a work orientated and well behaved individual, who continually strives through his actions and demeanor toward receiving a parole date.

Orig.: C-File  
cc: CCI  
Inmate

  
S.R. VASQUEZ  
Correctional Lieutenant  
UNIT II, CTF-Central Facility

DATE 09/26/06

LAUDATORY CHRONO

CTF-C

INFORMATIVE CHRONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

NAME and NUMBER LEWIS

E-05524

YW-322-L

Inmate Lewis, S., E-05524 has been assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry Attendant since December 1998. Since being assigned as the Laundry Officer for the Central Facility Laundry in October 1998, I have observed inmate Lewis several times a week. I have observed him to be professional and courteous. I have observed his ability to remain calm and professional when faced with stressful situations or potential confrontations. His attitude and behavior are positive, and he has shown himself punctual and responsible in his assigned duties. Inmate Lewis has been consistent in pursuing a higher education and attaining marketable skills in preparation for his release. I believe his sincere desire to succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life when he is released.

ORIG : C-File  
Cc : Writer  
Inmate

  
D. OSBURN  
Laundry Officer  
CTF-Central Laundry Room

DATE 5/4/06

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

CTF-C

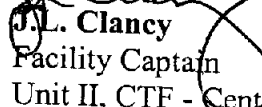
NAME and NUMBER LEWIS

E05524

YW322L

Inmate LEWIS, E05524, YW322L, is to be commended for his ongoing participation as a Y Wing, Men's Advisory Counsel (MAC) member. Through his care and concern regarding issues which arise in Y Wing and Unit II in general, Inmate LEWIS has actively assisted his peers and the unit staff in maintaining a tension free, environment of cooperation. I take this opportunity to congratulate Inmate LEWIS for a job well and done and anticipate his continued hard work in the MAC.

ORIG : C-File  
cc : CC-I  
Inmate

  
J.L. Clancy  
Facility Captain  
Unit II, CTF - Central

DATE 9/14/05

LAUDATORY

CTF-C INFORMATIVE CHRONO



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

NAME and NUMBER LEWIS

E-05524

YW-322-L

I have known inmate Lewis, S., E-05524 for more than thirteen (13) years. I have watched him change from an immature confused young man into a mature adult who is respectful and responsible. Inmate Lewis has been in Central Facility for the past seven (7) years and I have always observed his behavior to be positive. I have observed him many times as he interacts with uniformed and free staff easily, always maintaining a professional demeanor even when faced with stressful situations or potential confrontations. Inmate Lewis is devoted to attaining his marketable skills in preparations for his release. I believe that his determination to succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life when he is released.

ORIG : C-File  
Cc : Writer  
Inmate

  
S. ROTHMAN  
2<sup>nd</sup> Watch Yard Officer  
CTF-Central Facility

DATE 8/20/05

(LAUDATORY CHRONO)

CTF-C

NAME and NUMBER

LEWIS

E-05524

Y-322L

CDC-128-B (Rev. 4/74)

LAUDATORY CHRONO

Inmate LEWIS, E-05524, Y-322L, has been assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry Attendant since 1998. Since being assigned as the Laundry Supervisor II, I have worked with and observed Inmate LEWIS. Consistently I have observed him to be courteous and respectful both to staff and inmates. His attitude and behavior are always positive, and he has always shown himself punctual and responsible in his assigned duties.

orig: C-File  
CC: Assignment Office  
CCII  
Counselor  
Inmate  
File

  
C. DIAZ  
LAUNDRY SUPERVISOR II  
LAUNDRY ROOM  
CTF-CENTRAL

DATE

August 17, 2005

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME and NUMBER

LEWIS

E05524

YW-322L

CDC-128 B (8-87)

Inmate LEWIS, E05524, YW-322L, has been assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry Attendant since December 1998. Since being assigned to Y-Wing, first as Entrance & Security Officer, and then as a Tier Officer in 2000, I have closely worked with and observed Inmate LEWIS. Inmate LEWIS has consistently demonstrated excellent communication and diplomatic skills. While observing Inmate LEWIS, I have found him to be consistent and dependable in his job assignment. He is always polite and respectful when communicating with staff or inmates. His attitude and behavior have been consistently positive during the time in which I have observed him.

ORIG : C-File  
cc : Writer  
Inmate

  
J. BROWN  
Correctional Officer, Y-Wing  
CTF-Central Facility

DATE 11/04/04

CTF-C

INFORMATIONAL CHRONO



STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
CDC-128 B (8-87)

NAME and NUMBER

LEWIS

E05524

YW-322L

Inmate LEWIS, E05524, has been assigned as the Y-Wing Laundry Attendant since December 1998. Since being assigned as Y-Wing Tier Officer in 1999, I have closely worked with Inmate LEWIS. I have observed Inmate LEWIS to be professional and courteous at all times toward staff and inmate alike. Being a Y-Wing Laundry Attendant requires exceptional communication and diplomatic skills in dealing with the complaints and needs of Y-Wing inmates regarding their laundry and bedding. Inmate LEWIS has consistently demonstrated those skills over the years. LEWIS has also been very instrumental in the successful and efficient operations of the Y-Wing housing unit, ranging from assisting with the smooth conversion of Y-Wing into a housing unit designated for Prison Industry Authority inmate workers in 2002, to assisting in solving daily housing conflicts arising from inmates requiring special housing needs. I have no doubt that Inmate LEWIS' exceptional work and personal ethics will allow him to be a productive member of society when released from custody.

ORIG : C-File  
cc : CC-I  
: [REDACTED]  
: Writer

*L.J. Rodriguez*  
**L.J. RODRIGUEZ**

Correctional Officer, Y-Wing (2nd Watch)  
CTF-Central Facility

DATE 04/13/04

LAUDATORY CHRONO

CTF-C

NAME and NUMBER

LEWIS

E-05524

Y-322L

CDC-128 B (8-87)

As an eighteen (18) year employee of the Department of Corrections, I have been asked by numerous inmates to write a laudatory chrono for their C-File in preparation for their Parole Board hearings. I have always refused because I believe that laudatory chronos should be given based on merit and not because it "looks good for the Board." To date, I have written only one other chrono. Inmate LEWIS has rightfully deserved this one. I have closely supervised and worked with Inmate LEWIS for the past two and a half (2 1/2) years. Inmate LEWIS holds the position of Y-Wing Laundry man, a position that requires diplomacy, tact, patience, and most of all a degree of compassion due to the needs of the CCCMS inmates. He has demonstrated all of those traits admirably and tirelessly. He interacts with uniformed and free staff easily, yet maintains a professional demeanor when faced with stressful situations or potential confrontations. Inmate LEWIS is totally devoted to attaining his educational goals and enhancing his marketable work skills in preparation for his release into society. He is widely known by the inmate population to hold a vast amount of legal knowledge which he doesn't hesitate to share by helping inmate's of all races in their court cases or appeals. This he does freely, receiving no compensation for services rendered, which is almost unheard of in this prison environment. I have witnessed his many high grade (A, B+ averages) test scores, essays and college transcripts. There are many inmates who also have similar traits and a will to succeed; LEWIS is the first that I have witnessed to strive so hard and doggedly to achieve his life, educational and work goals. I feel that Inmate LEWIS'S determination to succeed and his positive attitude will carry into his life once attains his release.

ORIG : C-File  
cc : Unit File  
: CC-I  
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# EXHIBIT 10

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CDC 101 (1/92)

## WORK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

GRADES		GRADE	GRADE		GRADE	
1 - EXCEPTIONAL		A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE		F. TEAMWORK AND PARTICIPATION		
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE		B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS		G. LEARNING ABILITY		
3 - SATISFACTORY		C. ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPERVISORS AND STAFF		H. USE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT		
4 - BELOW AVERAGE		D. INTEREST IN ASSIGNED WORK		I. QUALITY OF WORK		
5 - UNSATISFACTORY		E. EFFORT DISPLAYED IN ASSIGNED WORK		J. QUANTITY OF WORK		

PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ 20.00 TO: \$ 20.00 FROM: JOB NO. PTRCC. 302P TO: JOB NO. PTRCC. 302P

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: 32.5 TOTAL # Hours Worked: 32.5

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: Y-wing Porter DATE ASSIGNED: 12-12-98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: Laundry Attendant / Janitorial

PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: NOV 12 2006 TO JAN 12 2007

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS: KL

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE): OUTSTANDING worker

SUPERVISOR: L. Rodriguez LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: 3 months WORK DETAIL: 2nd Watch ETHNICITY: BLK

INMATE'S NAME: Lewis, S. CDC NUMBER: E05524 INSTITUTION: CTF-C DATE: JAN. 12, 2007

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PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ 20.00 TO: \$ 20.00 FROM: JOB NO. PTRCC-302P TO: JOB NO. PTRCC.302P

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: Full Time TOTAL # Hours Worked: 32.5 hours work

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: Y-wing Laundry DATE ASSIGNED: 12/12/98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: Janitorial duties includes collecting/sorting linen & laundry

PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: 2007 Feb, March-April

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS:

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE):

SUPERVISOR: Clo L. Rodriguez LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: 3 month WORK DETAIL: 2nd/W ETHNICITY: BLK

INMATE'S NAME: Lewis CDC NUMBER: E-05524 INSTITUTION: CTF-C DATE: April 12, 2007

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GRADES		GRADE	GRADE		GRADE	
1 - EXCEPTIONAL		A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE		F. TEAMWORK AND PARTICIPATION		
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE		B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS		G. LEARNING ABILITY		
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PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ 20.00 TO: \$ 20.00 FROM: JOB NO. PTRCC. 302P TO: JOB NO. PTRCC 302P

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: 32.5 hrs TOTAL # Hours Worked: 32.5 hours

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: Y-wing Laundry DATE ASSIGNED: 12/12/98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: Laundry Attendant / Janitorial duties

PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: MAY-JUNE-July 2007

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS:

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE): OUTSTANDING worker - Positive Attitude towards Staff

SUPERVISOR: L. Rodriguez LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: 3 months WORK DETAIL: 2nd/W ETHNICITY: BLK

INMATE'S NAME: Lewis CDC NUMBER: E-05224 INSTITUTION: CTF-C DATE: July 1, 2007

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1 - EXCEPTIONAL	/	A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE	/	F. TEAMWORK AND PARTICIPATION	/
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE	/	B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS	/	G. LEARNING ABILITY	/
3 - SATISFACTORY	/	C. ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPERVISORS AND STAFF	/	H. USE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT	/
4 - BELOW AVERAGE	/	D. INTEREST IN ASSIGNED WORK	/	I. QUALITY OF WORK	/
5 - UNSATISFACTORY	/	E. EFFORT DISPLAYED IN ASSIGNED WORK	/	J. QUANTITY OF WORK	/

PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ TO: \$ FROM: JOB NO. TO: JOB NO.

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: TOTAL # Hours Worked:

INMATE ASSIGNED TO PTRCC.302	DATE ASSIGNED 12/5/98	ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF COLLECTING, SORTING & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY	PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT APRIL 2002--MARCH 2004
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RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) *Very dependable. excellent worker. Displays positive attitude, even under duress*

SUPERVISOR  
L. RODRIGUEZ, C/O (EXT. 4490) *[Signature]*

INMATE'S NAME  
LEWIS

LENGTH OF SUPERVISION FIVE YEARS	WORK DETAIL LAUNDRY ATTENDANT	ETHNICITY BLACK
CDC NUMBER E-05524	INSTITUTION CTF-C	DATE 4/1/2004

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PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ TO: \$ FROM: JOB NO. TO: JOB NO.

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: TOTAL # Hours Worked:

INMATE ASSIGNED TO PTRCC.302	DATE ASSIGNED 12-05-98	ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF COLLECTING, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY	PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT APR 2004-JULY 2004
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RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) *VERY DEPENDABLE, EXCELLENT WORKER, DISPLAYS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, EVEN UNDER DURESS*

SUPERVISOR  
L. RODRIGUEZ C/O (EXT. 4490) *[Signature]*

INMATE'S NAME  
LEWIS

LENGTH OF SUPERVISION FIVE YEARS	WORK DETAIL LAUNDRY ATTENDANT	ETHNICITY BLACK
CDC NUMBER E-05524	INSTITUTION CTF-CENTRAL	DATE 4-01-2004

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INMATE ASSIGNED TO PTRCC.302	DATE ASSIGNED 12-05-98	ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF COLLECTING, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY	PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT AUG 2004-NOV 2004
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RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) *VERY DEPENDABLE, EXCELLENT WORKER, DISPLAYS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, EVEN UNDER DURESS*

SUPERVISOR  
L. RODRIGUEZ C/O (EXT. 4490) *[Signature]*

INMATE'S NAME  
LEWIS

LENGTH OF SUPERVISION FIVE YEARS	WORK DETAIL LAUNDRY ATTENDANT	ETHNICITY BLACK
CDC NUMBER E-05524	INSTITUTION CTF-CENTRAL	DATE AUG-01-2004

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## K SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

GRADES	GRADE	GRADE	GRADE
1 - EXCEPTIONAL	1	A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE	1
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE	1	B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS	1
3 - SATISFACTORY	1	C. ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPERVISORS AND STAFF	1
4 - BELOW AVERAGE	1	D. INTEREST IN ASSIGNED WORK	1
5 - UNSATISFACTORY	1	E. EFFORT DISPLAYED IN ASSIGNED WORK	1
			F. TEAMWORK AND PARTICIPATION
			G. LEARNING ABILITY
			H. USE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT
			I. QUALITY OF WORK
			J. QUANTITY OF WORK

PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ TO: \$ FROM: JOB NO. TO: JOB NO.

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: TOTAL # Hours Worked:

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: PIRCC.302 DATE ASSIGNED: 12-05-98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: COLLECTING, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: DEC 2004-MAR 2005

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS:

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) VERY DEPENDABLE- EXCELLENT WORKER, DISPLAY POSITIVE ATTITUDE EVEN UNDER DURESS CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES REVIEWED SUPV'S INITIALS: INMATE'S INITIALS:

SUPERVISOR: L. RODRIGUEZ C/O (EXT. 4490) LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: SIX YEARS WORK DETAIL: LAUNDRY ATTENDANT ETHNICITY: BLACK

INMATE'S NAME: LEWIS CDC NUMBER: E-05524 INSTITUTION: CIF-CENTRAL DATE: DEC-01-2004

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1 - EXCEPTIONAL	1	A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE	1
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE	1	B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS	1
3 - SATISFACTORY	1	C. ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPERVISORS AND STAFF	1
4 - BELOW AVERAGE	1	D. INTEREST IN ASSIGNED WORK	1
5 - UNSATISFACTORY	1	E. EFFORT DISPLAYED IN ASSIGNED WORK	1
			F. TEAMWORK AND PARTICIPATION
			G. LEARNING ABILITY
			H. USE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT
			I. QUALITY OF WORK
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PAY STATUS: FROM: \$ TO: \$ FROM: JOB NO. TO: JOB NO.

TOTAL # Hours Assigned: TOTAL # Hours Worked:

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: PIRCC.302 DATE ASSIGNED: 12-05-98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: COLLECTING, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: APR 2005-JUN 2005

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS:

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) VERY DEPENDABLE- EXCELLENT WORKER, DISPLAYS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, EVEN UNDER DURESS CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES REVIEWED SUPV'S INITIALS: INMATE'S INITIALS:

SUPERVISOR: L. RODRIGUEZ C/O (EXT. 4490) LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: SIX YEARS WORK DETAIL: LAUNDRY ATTENDANT ETHNICITY: BLACK

INMATE'S NAME: LEWIS CDC NUMBER: E-05524 INSTITUTION: CIF/CENTRAL DATE: APRIL 01, 2005

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1 - EXCEPTIONAL	1	A. DEMONSTRATED SKILL AND KNOWLEDGE	1
2 - ABOVE AVERAGE	1	B. ATTITUDE TOWARD FELLOW INMATES AND WORKERS	1
3 - SATISFACTORY	1	C. ATTITUDE TOWARD SUPERVISORS AND STAFF	1
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TOTAL # Hours Assigned: TOTAL # Hours Worked:

INMATE ASSIGNED TO: PIRCC.302 DATE ASSIGNED: 12-05-98 ACTUAL WORK CONSISTS OF: COLLECTING, SORTING, & DISTRIBUTING INMATES' LAUNDRY PERIOD COVERED BY REPORT: JULY 2005-SEPT 2005

RECOMMENDED FOR: ☐ REASSIGNMENT ☒ RETAIN ☐ PAY INCREASE ☐ PAY DECREASE INMATE'S INITIALS:

COMMENTS (IF MORE SPACE REQUIRED, USE REVERSE SIDE) VERY DEPENDABLE- EXCELLENT WORKER, DISPLAY POSITIVE ATTITUDE, EVEN UNDER DURESS CODE OF SAFE PRACTICES REVIEWED SUPV'S INITIALS: INMATE'S INITIALS:

SUPERVISOR: L. RODRIGUEZ C/O (EXT. 4490) LENGTH OF SUPERVISION: SIX YEARS WORK DETAIL: LAUNDRY ATTENDANT ETHNICITY: BLACK

INMATE'S NAME: LEWIS CDC NUMBER: E-05524 INSTITUTION: CIF/CENTRAL DATE: JULY 01 2005

# EXHIBIT 11



1 CALIFORNIA BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS

2 D E C I S I O N

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ESTRADA: We're on.

4 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: Okay. Let  
5 the record reflect that everyone that was in the room  
6 prior to us going into deliberations are now back in  
7 the room. Mr. Lewis, this was an extremely difficult  
8 decision for us to do and I will tell you the reasons  
9 why we came to the decision we did, before I explain  
10 everything in detail. The biggest problem that we  
11 have is the fact that there was multiple victims  
12 involved, as well as the fact that your last 115 was  
13 in '99. And you have six 115's and we realize that  
14 the last one was administrative and I've got to tell  
15 you, it was stupid. But what you have, those can hurt  
16 you. And even though you're programming very well and  
17 you're away, I'll go through the whole thing for you.  
18 At this point, we reviewed all the information and  
19 relied on the following circumstances to conclude that  
20 you are not suitable for parole and pose an  
21 unreasonable risk of danger to society or threat to  
22 public safety if released from prison at this time.  
23 This is going to be a one-year denial again and I'd  
24 like to explain this to you. I want you to listen to  
25 everything very carefully because even though I agree  
26 that -- with some of the things that the last Panel  
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1 said, there are certain things that I'm going to try  
2 to amplify. That I think will make you be an even  
3 stronger candidate the next time you come up, okay?

4 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, sir.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: All right.  
6 Let's start with your commitment offense. You realize  
7 that the commitment offense is not going to go away,  
8 however, the fact of the matter is that this was  
9 carried out in an extremely cruel, brutal, cold and  
10 vicious manner, in that as part of a gang initiation,  
11 which you mentioned to us today. And also primarily  
12 because of (indiscernible) of an incident that took  
13 place prior to that time, you got into an altercation  
14 with -- after getting into an altercation with a  
15 Mr. Villega, V-I-L-L-E-G-A. He challenged you to a  
16 fight. The fight did not occur because his brother  
17 stepped in. You left the area, went and got some of  
18 your homeboys and returned. And even though you were  
19 not a "gang member" at the time, you were still  
20 associated with the gang members. You went back, got  
21 some of your homeboys and came back and they convinced  
22 you that this was going to be part of your initiation,  
23 so that you can in fact join the gang. This is what  
24 you told me. You then -- you returned later that  
25 evening carrying a sawed off shotgun. You approached  
26 the front door, where Mr. Villega and a number of  
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1 teenagers were sitting. You fired five or six rounds  
2 in their direction. At that point, a Mr. Lovel Bllard  
3 was shot in the arm, Shevon Perry was shot in the back  
4 and April Purcel was also shot. The young lady, who  
5 was shot in the back -- in the -- there was one person  
6 shot in the -- let me go back to my notes here. Okay.  
7 Mr. Perry was (indiscernible) was shot in the back.  
8 Mr. Bllard was shot in the arm. The victim was -- she  
9 was shot in the back and April Purcel was also shot.  
10 This -- these crimes, as I said, with multiple victims  
11 indicated that this was a -- definitely a  
12 (indiscernible) and calculated manner. In that you  
13 thought about this. You went over with the weapon  
14 itself. And even though your intentions may not have  
15 been to kill anyone, it was definitely to hurt  
16 someone, because of the fact that you fired multiple  
17 rounds. You -- this offense was carried out in a  
18 manner, which demonstrated exceptionally callous  
19 disregard for human life and suffering and the motive  
20 for the crime itself was -- it's actually revenge,  
21 although it turned out to be gang retaliation. These  
22 conditions -- these conclusions (indiscernible) from  
23 the Probation Officer's Report. The bottom line is  
24 that this could have easily been avoided if you would  
25 have just stopped. The fact that you did not get into  
26 an argument with this -- once you got -- when you  
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1 left, you should have just stayed away from this and  
2 not go back over there. The mere fact that you went  
3 back over there, got some of your homeboys and they in  
4 turn gave you a shotgun to do this act, and put it in  
5 your own words, was in fact stupid. All right. We  
6 know that's not going to ever go away and you are --  
7 and I can say on record that I believe that you have  
8 accepted remorse and that you are in fact a changed  
9 man at this time. You are not the 18-year-old that  
10 you were at -- during that time. These conclusions  
11 were drawn from the Statement of Fact from the  
12 Probation Officer's Report. Your -- you did quit  
13 school so there's somewhat of an unstable history.  
14 You had two juvenile arrests, one for Grand Theft Auto  
15 and the other one for Carrying a Concealed Weapon. As  
16 an adult, you were also arrested for Carrying a  
17 Concealed Weapon, however, you did indicate that you  
18 were released the next day when it was determined that  
19 the weapon belonged to the owner of the vehicle in  
20 which you were driving. The mere fact that you were  
21 still associated with those type of people, even  
22 though you may not have known that, is still something  
23 that you're going to have to watch when you do  
24 eventually get a date. There's no doubt in my mind  
25 that you will eventually get a date.

26 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, sir.

1                   DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ESTRADA: As for  
2 institutional behavior, you have programmed  
3 exceptionally well. Just since your last hearing,  
4 you've been a co-facilitator of Alternatives to  
5 Violence mini workshop. You have completed 25 video  
6 reports. You've got certificates for 25 of those.  
7 You've got another certificate for ten additional  
8 ones. You were co-facilitator of a 21-hour, two-day  
9 Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop. You did a  
10 Bible correspondence course, Hope at Will. You've  
11 done a -- several anger management courses called  
12 (indiscernible) The Heart video series. You currently  
13 have two AA degrees. You have got two vocations and  
14 one of them is forklift and the other one is dry  
15 cleaning. You also, and this has gone on since you've  
16 been incarcerated. You've got a -- you probably have  
17 more self-help courses in the things that you have  
18 accomplished in self-help than all the inmates I've  
19 seen this week and you should be commended for that.

20                   INMATE LEWIS: Thank you.

21                   PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: And I will  
22 talk to you a little bit more about that a little  
23 later on. But you have done extremely well. Those  
24 FEMA courses will come to help you and I'll talk a  
25 little about that when I talk about parole plans in a  
26 few minutes. Because I do not buy the fact that it's

1 very difficult to get a job unless you have a date and  
2 I will tell you why in a minute. But you have seven  
3 128's and seven 115's since you've been incarcerated  
4 and you've been incarcerated going on 18 years.  
5 That's a lot. And I realize that you have matured  
6 since and actually, you went four years before you got  
7 that one in '99 and you haven't had a fight, per se,  
8 since 1994.

9 **INMATE LEWIS:** 1994.

10 **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS:** But that  
11 still shows a pattern, you see what mean? So we need  
12 to make sure that you stay away from those 115's. The  
13 Psychological Report from Dr. Macomber was totally  
14 supportive, as well as the last two psychological  
15 evaluations. They were also supported. And speaking  
16 on your parole plans, they are viable and I will go on  
17 record to say to the next panel that you should  
18 probably be paroled to Monterey County so that you can  
19 in fact be in Salinas with your spouse. That you back  
20 to L.A. would probably be a problem for you and in  
21 concur with the previous Board determinations that  
22 probably you should be assigned when you get a date to  
23 Monterey County. The -- on your employment, sir, I  
24 realize that it's very difficult to get employment and  
25 I know that your wife is out there working very  
26 diligently. It's obvious because in the letter that  
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1 we got from the culinary, they indicated that they had  
2 talked to your wife about the possibility of you -- of  
3 using you for different functions. Now, that's all  
4 well and good but your -- you say that you want to  
5 work with kids, you want to do a lot of other things.  
6 There's a lot of other programs that are available in  
7 this area and a couple come to mind. There's one in  
8 San Jose. There's a lot of them that have satellite  
9 offices that would love to have your talent if you are  
10 serious about that. Rather than going out there and  
11 living off your trust fund and trying to get a job at  
12 a -- an on-call job in the culinary area or an on-call  
13 job with a temp service, it would probably not be in  
14 your best interests to do that. Because you sit  
15 around the house and things can develop. What I'm  
16 telling you is that don't go --

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ESTRADA: Okay.

18 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: Okay. What  
19 I'm telling you is don't set up there and say to any  
20 panel before you that it's very difficult. We are  
21 aware of how difficult it is but you can do certain  
22 things. But you -- and you have shown efforts in that  
23 you're mailing things out to different people. But  
24 utilize those skills that you have, i.e., dry  
25 cleaning, i.e., business, i.e., you know, your  
26 facilitator, to get something. Because those are the  
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1 type of jobs that people will say when you're out of  
2 jail we'll do that. Do you understand what I'm  
3 telling you?

4 INMATE LEWIS: Yes, sir.

5 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: Okay.

6 Because -- and then your wife is out there. Like I  
7 said, she's being -- she's just trying to get  
8 employment period. But you need to be -- you need to  
9 firm them up a little bit, is basically what I'm  
10 telling you. We cannot deny you parole simply because  
11 you don't have employment because you do have that  
12 \$20,000 trust fund. But what we're trying to do is  
13 when you take on the whole picture, I'm trying to make  
14 sure that when you come back before the Panel, you've  
15 got everything in a nice, neat, little package. So  
16 that you can, in fact, be looked upon even stronger  
17 than what you did today. We did note that the -- on  
18 the 3042 responses, that the District Attorney of L.A.  
19 Count, as well as the Los Angeles Police Department  
20 both indicated an opposition of parole suitability. I  
21 also agree with the previous Panel in saying that you  
22 are moving in an extremely positive area but you just  
23 need more time, due to the nature of the crime itself,  
24 which involved multiple victims and a 16-year-old girl  
25 being killed. And also, you need some time from the  
26 115 that you got in '99. Those are the two primary

1 things that I think that the Deputy Commissioner and I  
2 discussed, which is really -- well, the driving force  
3 we got to today. You -- as I said before, you have  
4 programmed exceptionally well and I hope this will not  
5 be a disappointment to you. I know it's a  
6 disappointment but I hope that it won't change the way  
7 that you have programmed up to this point. Now, you  
8 did indicate to us that you -- if you didn't get a  
9 date today, you'd continue to move in a positive  
10 direction. I hope you meant that.

11 INMATE LEWIS: I meant that, sir.

12 PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS: Because I  
13 think and as I said before, I went back to the 2004  
14 Report and I commented to Deputy Commissioner Estrada  
15 that I think these are some very strong words that  
16 were used by -- and I'm going to quote them for you.  
17 It was Deputy Commissioner Smith and they're found on  
18 page 50 of the previous transcript. And he indicated:

19 "On the positive side, you are to be  
20 commended for the apparent turn-around that  
21 you made (indiscernible) in the two -- you  
22 achieved in the last two and three years.  
23 And in my opinion, you're becoming -- you  
24 appear very close to becoming a very, very  
25 strong candidate to get a parole date. You  
26 need to keep doing what you're doing and

1 I think in a relative short time, you'll be  
2 granted a date."

3 And I just wanted to put that on the record, as well.  
4 That was -- that came from Mr. Smith in 2004 and I'm  
5 going to concur with that. That I think you've done  
6 well but you're going to need some more time. How  
7 much time, I don't know but I think you are -- if you  
8 continue to go along this well, you should have any  
9 problems at some time to get a date. The Panel wants  
10 to commend you for getting your two AA degrees, your  
11 two vocations and for participating in the, since the  
12 last hearing, the Bible correspondence course, the  
13 anger management, Hearing the Angry Heart video  
14 series. You've been a co-facilitator in an  
15 Alternative to Violence mini workshop, as well as in  
16 an Alternative to Violence basic workshop. And for,  
17 you know, the positive manner in which you approached  
18 this thing today. I think you're getting pretty near.  
19 I see that -- I see the disappointment in your face  
20 and I know it's disappointing for you but you've got  
21 to keep in mind, you had multiple victims and one  
22 16-year-old girl was killed and that's a terrible,  
23 terrible thing. Good luck to you and I want to ask  
24 Deputy Commissioner, do you have any additional  
25 comments?

26 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ESTRADA: Good luck to  
27 SAMUEL W. LEWIS E-05524 DECISION PAGE 10 10/12/06



1 you, Mr. Lewis.

2           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS:** We're going  
3 to recommend that you remain disciplinary free,  
4 continue to move in the positive manner that you are  
5 into right now. I don't see a need to continue with  
6 self-help. I don't see a need for another  
7 psychological evaluation because this one is very,  
8 very supportive. So keep going down the path that  
9 you're going down and you'll be fine. And I also want  
10 to comment on the District Attorney, that I thought  
11 that it was very positive of the District Attorney to  
12 also recognize and commend you for all the work that  
13 you've done. And also to tell Ms. Fox that we have --  
14 we did consider all the evidence and all avenues  
15 because that's part of our -- under Title XV, is to  
16 consider all of the relevant information. Thank you.  
17 Keep going the way you're going and you'll be fine.

18           **INMATE LEWIS:** Yes, sir.

19           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS:** That  
20 concludes the hearing. The time is now  
21 (indiscernible).

22           **ATTORNEY FOX:** Thank you.

23           **PRESIDING COMMISSIONER BIGGERS:** Good luck  
24 to you, sir.

25           **INMATE LEWIS:** Thank you.

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23 PAROLE DENIED ONE YEAR

24 THIS DECISION WILL BE FINAL ON: FEB 09 2007

25 YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED IF, PRIOR TO THAT DATE,  
26 THE DECISION IS MODIFIED.

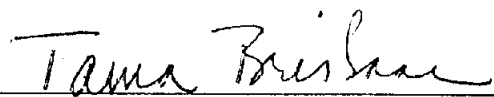
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# EXHIBIT 12

2007

PAROLE PLANS

Lewis, Samuel

Upon my release from incarceration, I will live with my wife Lisa Lewis at 1621 Cadiz Circle in Salinas California. Lisa is presently employed in the Pharmacy Department in Longs Drug Store in Carmel California. Lisa and I have discussed in depth my reintegration into society. Lisa and our family make up my support network and will provide me with positive encouragement, emotional support and transportation upon my release.

Lisa and I have been, and continue to submit my resume to various companies in the Salinas / Monterey area. We have been able to secure part time employment with Labor Ready. This part time employment can lead to full time employment. We will continue to seek employment opportunities as a paralegal, forklift operator, drycleaner, and with various companies which can utilize my marketable skills. As financial support, a Trust Fund has been established for me, and until I have secured full time employment I will be able to use these finances if necessary.

I will continue to pursue my Bachelor's Degree at Indiana Institute of Technology through Correspondence and Online courses. The completion of this degree will enable me to seek and obtain employment which offers a higher wage. While pursuing my degree and after completing my degree I will spend most of my free time as a volunteer counseling and / or mentoring at-risk youth. I will share my personal experience of what can happen when a person makes bad choices, and allows peer pressure to control his decision making.

Lisa and I have discussed the possibility that these parole plans may not be acceptable to the Board of Parole Hearings. In the event that this does occur, Lisa is willing to relocate and transfer her employment to the county I am paroled to.

Should the Board determine that these parole plans are not acceptable, my Mother Shirley Lewis will provide housing in Los Angeles for both Lisa and I and any necessary assistance we may need to secure housing in order to ensure a smooth transition.

In closing, I humbly submit to the Board of Parole Hearings that I will apply the same focus, commitment, dedication, and determination to my reintegration into society as I have to advancing my education and rehabilitation while incarcerated. I will be a positive and productive member of society.

Respectfully

  
Samuel Lewis

# EXHIBIT 13

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
P.O. Box: 689  
Soledad, California  
93960-0689

**OBJECTIVE:**

-To obtain a rewarding career opportunity that will promote professional growth.

**EDUCATION:**

**Associates Degree Program:**

March of 2001: Associate Degree in Paralegal Studies,  
Specializing in Legal Research, Real Estate Law, Law Office  
Management and Litigation Assistantship,  
College for Professional Studies

July of 1999: Associate Degree in Specialized Business,  
Center for Degree Studies

**Certifications: (Completed)**

October of 2006: Certification in Animals in Disaster, Awareness and  
Preparedness,  
Emergency Management Institute, Department of Homeland  
Security

May of 2005: Certificate in Radiological Emergency Management and  
Certification in Introduction to Mitigation,  
Emergency Management Institute, Department of Homeland  
Security

December of 2004: Certification in Professional Emergency Management;  
Certification in Basic Command Systems; Certification in  
Developing and Managing Volunteers; Certification in Emergency  
Planning,  
Emergency Management Institute, Department of Homeland  
Security

August of 2002: Certification in Federal and State Income Tax Education  
National Tax Training School

April of 1998: Certification in Forklift Operation  
Prison Industry Authority (P.I.A.)

March of 1997: Certification in Vocational Dry Cleaning  
Otay Mesa Adult School

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- 7/98-present: Laundry Attendant:  
Soledad Correctional Facility-Soledad, CA  
-Collecting, sorting, and distribution of laundry and linen  
for large population of inmates.
- 5/97-5/98: Weaving Operator:  
Prison Industry Authority, P.I.A. Textile Mill  
San Diego, CA  
-Operation and maintenance of multiple fabric weaving machines  
(looms).
- 7/95-11/96: Laundry Operator:  
Prison Industry Authority (P.I.A.) Laundry-San Diego, CA  
Continuous Batch Washer Operator; Washer / Extractor & Dryer  
Operator.

**SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Eligible for Federal Bonding, Sponsored by the U.S.  
Department of Labor, Contact Ron Rubbin, P.D. 1-800-233-2258.
- Marketing and Public Relations Skills.
- Shipping and Receiving Experience - processing inventory,  
ordering, maintaining proper inventory levels for high volume  
production.
- Basic knowledge of computer operations
- Excellent communication skills and motivated to learn

**REFERENCES:** See attached



**REFERENCES:**

1. Kerry Davenport  
High School Teacher  
Lock High School  
Los Angeles, California  
Years known: 25 yr.  
Contact #: (626) 810-7281
2. Nicole Newble  
Middle School Counselor  
Years known: 24 yr.  
Contact #: (323) 753-2051
3. Johnny Williams  
Workmen's Compensation Claims Examiner  
Years known: 24 yr.  
Contact #: (909) 355-9061

5756 Taft Ave.  
Southgate, CA 90280  
Toll Free: (866) 517.6751  
Office: (562) 633.4100  
Fax: (562) 633.4108

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# sloan- curtis

TERMITE  
Group, Inc.

September 12, 2007

Executive Officer  
Board of Parole Hearings  
3336 Bradshaw Rd. # 225  
Sacramento, CA 95827

Dear Sir or Madam:

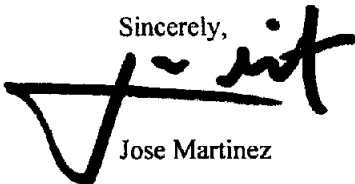
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An increase in business in our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of this year has presented an entry level position for Samuel Lewis upon his release as a carpenter apprentice. In this entry level position, Samuel will be trained on basic Mathematics associated with wood working, framing and repair of residential structures. Based on his grasp and progress in carpentry, an evaluation will be made to assess his knowledge of those basic skills and will be given an opportunity for advancement within the company ranks. Starting wages for this entry level position commence at \$15.00 per hour 40 hours per week. After a 90 day probationary period, Samuel will be eligible for company benefits that consist of medical, dental and paid vacations.

Should you have any questions or need further information concerning this matter, please call my office.

Sincerely,



Jose Martinez

President

Operator Lic #OPR11169

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Richard H. Allen

Of Counsel: P.W. Bachan

Robert H. Allen

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Watsonville, California 95076  
Tel.: (831) 768-7215  
Fax.: (831) 722-0347

September 11, 2007

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
P.O. Box 689  
Soledad, CA 93960-0689

Re: Employment

Dear Mr. Lewis:

My office is in receipt of your letter, dated August 24, 2007, to P.W. Bachan, who serves of counsel to my firm. Your credentials are quite impressive, and all the more so when one considers that you have obtained them for the most part while in prison. We commend you on your achievements.

Our office does have a need for paralegal assistance, and we would consider you as an applicant. However, the primary concern I have is your availability. Forgive me for being blunt, but your letter does not mention whether you are currently in confinement and, if so, how long it will be until you get out. Though my office needs paralegal assistance, hopefully on an independent contractor basis, we need someone who can pick up and drop off work projects at our office, and I am unclear if you have that capability presently. If you do not, please contact us again when you do.

Thank you again for your well-written letter of interest and curriculum vitae.

Sincerely,



Rob Allen

ALLEN &amp; ALLEN LLP

## *Labor Ready Inc.*

911 N. Main St  
Salinas, Ca 93906  
Phone: (831) 755-1555  
Fax: (831) 755-1572

Monday, May 28, 2007


To: Whom it May Concern

From: Lupe Mora

Re: Samuel Lewis

We are a temporary Agency that provides temporary work for people that need the opportunity to look for a temp- to hire position. We had many of our workers that have been in parole and still have the opportunity to be hired thru our best of our Customers. We offer non skilled and skilled jobs everyday, we also recommend are best workers to our Customers.

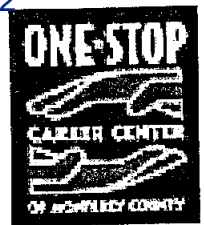
Thank you,



Lupe Mora  
Customer Service Rep.

**Labor Ready**  
**831-755-1555**  
**Labor Ready**  
**911 North Main Street**  
**Salinas, CA 93905**

# MONTEREY COUNTY



**Department of Social and Employment Services**  
**Office for Employment Training**  
Harry F. Gamotan, Management Analyst

P.O. Box 2265  
Salinas, California 93902  
(831) 796-3354  
Fax (831) 757-7639

**SAMUEL LEWIS**


E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
P.O. Box 689  
Soledad, California 93960-0689

Re: Employment

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am in receipt of your letter dated March 29, 2007. Monterey County One Stop consist of three main organizations dedicated to assisting Dislocated Workers and Under skilled Workers become employed through direct placement with an employer or through training. Training maybe through one of our training partners example: Central Coast College, Hartnell, MPC, Heald Business College and the list goes on. We are currently looking to apply for a Grant to better assist parolees make the transition from incarceration to the work force. We recognize that this transition can sometimes be most difficult and would like to be in a better position to assist. I would be happy to meet with you upon your release and determine how we can best assist you. In reviewing your resume you have some very good experience, education and training that will greatly enhance your opportunities to gainful employment. Please feel free to contact me before or upon your release.

Sincerely,

  
Harry F. Gamotan  
Business Services Analyst  
Office for Employment Training  
One Stop Career Center of Monterey County  
730 La Guardia St.  
Salinas, Ca. 93905  
831-796-3354  
Fax: 831-757-7639  
Email: [gamotanh@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:gamotanh@co.monterey.ca.us)

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June 16, 2006

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
PO Box 689  
Soledad, Ca. 93960-0689

Dear Samuel Lewis:

HPC is contacting you because we received a request to send information to your attention in regards to employment resources.

HPC is an employment solutions company in Carson, California. We have a few different program options. In some instances we assist individuals with pre-employment preparation and job placement, regardless of their criminal background.

If you parole to this area, we may be able to help you. All of HPC's community programs have eligibility criteria, however, you may want to contact us once your discharged to see if you would be eligible. If HPC is unable to assist you, we can refer you to an agency that may better address your specific needs.

If you parole to another County, check with your local "One Stop Career Centers." The Centers often have programs that aid in job placement assistance, resource referrals, and possible funding for vocational training.

In addition, some Parole Complexes have designated Parolee Employment Programs. Once discharged, you have to check with your assigned Parole Agent to see what is being offered. Those programs are another great opportunity to be connected directly to employers that hire ex-offenders.

Good luck to you in your future endeavors and we appreciate the inquiry of our program services!

Mrs. D. Norville, MSW  
Director of Operations & Management  
(310)756-1560  
[www.hpcemployment.org](http://www.hpcemployment.org)



## COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION RESOURCES

### Youth & Young Adults Programs (12-20 years old)

Job Readiness, Life Skills Education, and Individual Job Placement Assistance

- ILP Program - Foster Youth residing in South Bay Area
- CARE Program - Youth w/Substance Abuse Challenges / In Recovery Program
- WIA Program - 19-20 yrs old-Must reside in Compton
- Anger Management Program - Certified / Court Approved
- DeAnza Community College Tutoring & Vocational Program:
  - Earn a Certificate in Computer Aided Drafting
  - Earn High School/College Credits
  - Receive Math Tutoring to improve grades

### Adults

Job Readiness and Individual Job Placement Assistance

- Dislocated Worker Program -via Compton Career Link
- Anger Management Classes - Certified / Court Approved
- Temp to Perm Work - via HPC's Business Division

Temp to Perm Employment - Professional Staffing Services - via HPC's Business Division

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### CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

**(310) 756-1560**

HPC HEADQUARTERS OFFICE

454 E. CARSON PLAZA DRIVE—STE#102

CARSON, CA 90746

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## HPC OFFICES

### Carson Office

454 E. Carson Plaza Dr.

Suite #102

Carson, CA 90746

Phone (310) 756-1560

Fax (310) 756-1562

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101 N. La Brea Avenue

Suite #307

Inglewood, CA 90301

Phone (310) 674-4024

Fax (310) 674-4401

Web site:

[hpcemployment.org](http://hpcemployment.org)

The logo for HPC (Human Potential Consultants) features the letters 'HPC' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Above the letters is a stylized graphic of a person with arms raised in a 'V' shape, symbolizing achievement or potential.

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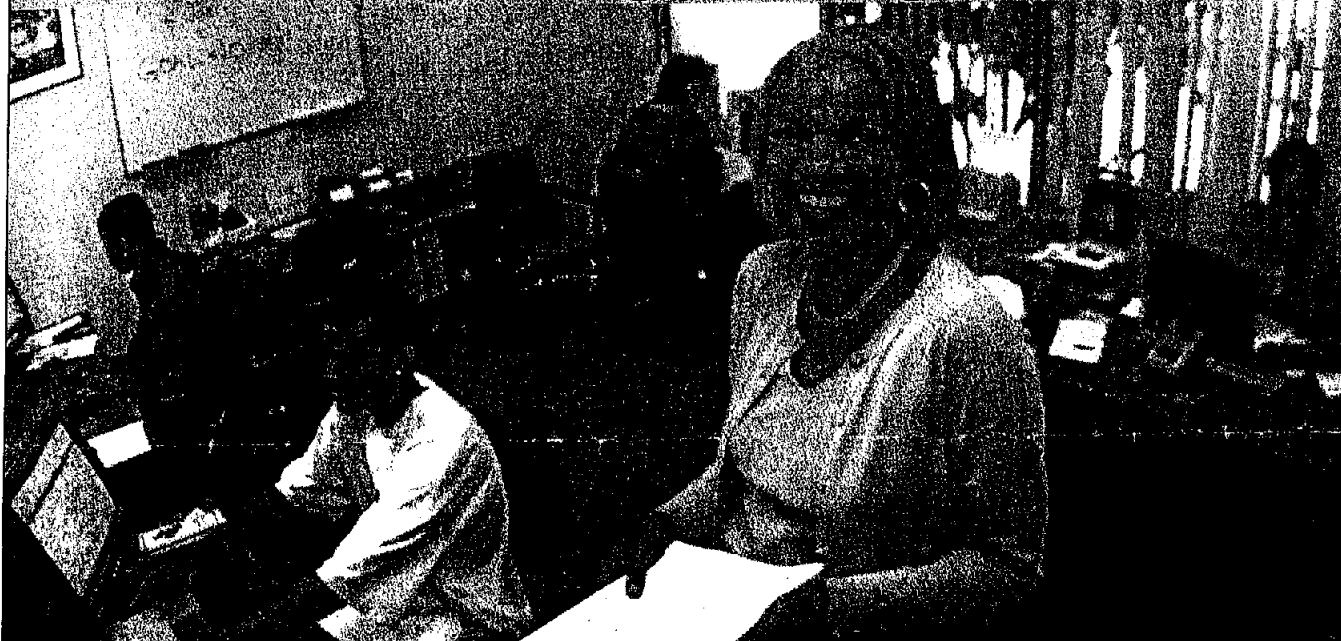
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# Garnett NEWCOMBE



**T**he Massachusetts Department of Corrections is the largest state prison system in the country. One out of every 100 men in the state is in the youth, from 17 to 21, in-home, or juvenile, recently released from prison, and yet with the job market so bleak, their life options are limited. Many are entering into a cycle of homelessness and crime. That's why the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Newcombe, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Potential Connections Fund have joined to create a dedicated program to help these men get a second chance.

Following the lead of a friend in Detroit, Newcomb opened the Carsons office in HPC in 1997. The office has since helped more than 4,350 clients—more than 100 a month. It provides job preparation skills for at-risk youth, the long-term unemployed, and individuals with criminal backgrounds or minimal work experience. Her results speak for themselves: 100% of clients completed pre-employment preparation training; 85% of clients obtained jobs or work experience; and 75% of clients held onto a job for one to three years, earning between \$7.30 and \$13.00 an hour. She credits her tailored approach

It is, finally, the individual's own confidence in his or her ability to conduct the work that is most important to the success of the team. Confidence is built by demonstrating competence and by being able to rely on others. Team cohesiveness leads to confidence, and confidence leads to cohesiveness. The two concepts are both necessary for the team to be successful. The team's ability to work together is the most important factor in determining the team's success.

After completing the training, individuals are then referred to potential employers. The service also provides training for individuals who have either difficulty obtaining job training or who have some educational requirements and the standard employment on dress and supply for that individual. Training on such basis as the importance of showing up on time. After assessment and training, HPC contacts employers in search of a match. The service is free to employers and most clients who are referred by state and federal agencies. These agencies pay the for-profit company a flat fee to counsel each individual referred.

Newcombe, who also teaches sociology at California State University, Dominguez Hills, is constantly on the move. She doesn't see her role ending when a client gets a job. "We're with you for life," she tells one. HPG is serious about his commitment to

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What began as a simple New Year's resolution—a look in the eyes where a person realizes their worth, as for their own family—Newcombe sees another need that society needs addressing. In the South Bay, finding affordable housing is a big issue for the people HPC counsels. Eventually she would like to offer clean, reasonable room and board arrangements for students, paraders and emancipated youth. Why? Her hunch: If anyone changed the need, it's Newcombe and Carson, for their own friends. ■

**Katera Estrada Rutledge**

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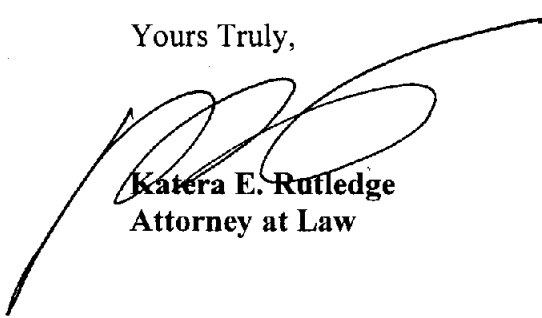
July 8, 2007

Mr. Samuel Lewis E-05524  
Y-322-L  
Correctional Training Facility  
P.O. Box 689  
Soledad, California 93960-0689

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Thank you for your resume. Are you being paroled to Monterey County? We have both represented you and would like to help if we can. We currently have two lawyers and three law clerks at our firm. That may change. If you are looking for work now, we cannot help you. But if you are planning to parole here – write back when your hearing is coming up within six months and we will see if we can help you find a job.

Yours Truly,



**Katera E. Rutledge**  
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July 18, 2007

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-332\_L)  
P.O. Box 689  
Soledad, CA 93960-0689

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for the interest you have expressed in employment opportunities with our firm. Your qualifications have been carefully reviewed. However, at the present time no position is available that would utilize your skills and experience.

Your resume will be retained for a reasonable period of time and you will be contacted in the event our employment needs should change.

We appreciate your interest in our company and wish you success in your search for a suitable career position.

Sincerely,



Arlene Gotshalk  
Administrator

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OF COUNSEL  
ROBERT R. BEBERMEYER  
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May 25, 2007

Samuel Lewis  
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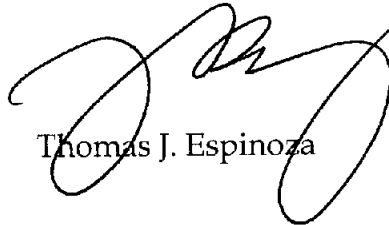
Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter of May 3, 2007, regarding potential employment with my office.

As a sole practitioner, I do not have a current need for a paralegal. However, I wish you every success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

LAW OFFICE OF THOMAS J. ESPINOZA



Thomas J. Espinoza

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***Randall I. Barkan***

**Attorney at Law**

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August 31, 2007

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
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Re: Application for Paralegal Position

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in a paralegal position. Unfortunately, my practice is only part-time, and my business does not require (nor would it support) someone performing those kind of services. Your letter and resume are impressive, and very professionally presented; and I wish you the best in your job search.

Sincerely,

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Randall I. Barkan

# EXHIBIT 14

*Lisa Lewis  
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*June 26, 2007*

*Executive Officer  
Board of Parole Hearings  
3336 Bradshaw Road # 225  
Sacramento, Ca 95827*

*RE: Samuel Lewis, (E-05524) Parole Suitability*

*Dear Board Members:*

*I am writing this letter on behalf of my husband, Samuel Lewis. I am submitting this letter to update my June 26, 2006 letter of support. This is the third letter that I have submitted to the Parole Board.*

*Samuel and I were married on March 19, 2005, we were engaged on March 19, 2004, and together we set our wedding ceremony a year after our engagement. Both of us are very happy.*

*I have known Samuel now for close to six years through daily letters, weekly visits and phone calls, Samuel and I truly come to know and understand each other. We are always discussing many different topics. We have talked about the crime which he is incarcerated for. Samuel sends me the transcripts of his Parole Suitability Hearings. I have looked into his eyes and I know how truly sorry he is for the crime he had committed. I can see and feel Samuel's sincerity of words that he says and the feelings he shows. Samuel takes full responsibility for his actions and the bad choices he has made.*

*Samuel and I have made plans for his release, we believe we have put together a positive plan for his parole which will ensure Samuel's successful reintegration back into society on where he can be a positive influence in our community.*



*When Samuel is granted parole, we will be residing in Salinas, California, in my house at 1621 Cadiz Cir. I will provide Samuel with love, emotional support, positive encouragement, housing, financial support, transportation, and anything else that is required by the Board of Parole.*

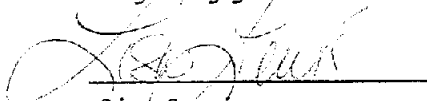
*I know Samuel has been rehabilitated. Samuel's educational and vocational achievements demonstrate his rehabilitation. Samuel's consistent participation in different self-help activity groups demonstrates his rehabilitation. The various officers and staff who have documented his positive actions and attitude demonstrate his rehabilitation. His remaining disciplinary free for eight years in September demonstrates his rehabilitation. I know that Samuel is truly rehabilitated and ready to be reintegrated into society based on all these things as well as his letters, our conversations, and the time we spend together. I have come to know and understand him. I have seen how he reacts to pressure and stressful situation. I have watched him interact with his teenage daughter Destiny. Samuel is a very caring and loving, patient and understanding Dad. We need Samuel to be home with us, his family.*

*I am asking the Board of Parole to please give my husband, Samuel the opportunity to be a positive productive part of our community. Bad choices and bad decisions are a part of life. To be fully responsible, to be held accountable for, and to demonstrate sincere remorse through both word and deed demonstrates a change, focused, and rehabilitated man who is worth a second chance.*

*Most of all, as I said before, I do know Samuel very well, and from my heart my husband, Samuel will be very successful here in Salinas and I know both of us together we would not let the Board of Parole down and our family members.*

*I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.*

*Very truly yours,*

  
Lisa Lewis

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July 26, 2007

Executive Officer  
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To all concerned,

This letter is to update my August 11, 2006, letter of support informing you of my continued support for my son, Samuel Lewis (Sam), inmate # E-05524 (Y-322-L).

Please be advised that should your Board decide to release Sam, his family is prepared to ensure that he is equipped with the tools he will need to succeed. Sam will receive personal support from me including, funding, transportation and moral support. In addition, his family and friends are actively seeking persons and/or companies that are willing to hire him without regard to his criminal record.

Over the course of the years, Sam has consistently prepared himself in various ways to become a worthy candidate for release. I am personally requesting that your Board review his record to verify his improvements. Overall, I'm sure you will agree that Sam has worked to improve himself both professionally and personally. His progress can be attributed to his successful completion of coursework and his maintenance of a high grade point average.

In the many conversations I have had with Sam, he has expressed his regret for his past behavior. He also accepts his responsibility for past events and understands how they have put him into the situation he is in now. Sam insists on using each day to increase his

wisdom and knowledge so that he will successfully and effectively function outside of prison walls.

Sam was lucky enough to find a mate who truly loves him and has his best interest at heart. On March 19, 2005, they were married. Sam's wife, Lisa, has not only been a great support factor for Sam, but also for me. She visits Sam often, taking away the difficulty of the many long distance trips I would normally take. They become more and more physically difficult for me as I get older. I am in constant contact with Lisa and very happy to have her as an addition to our family.

Often, over the years I advise Sam to stay faithful and be reminded of his past so that he will continue to learn from it and remember to always help others. I believe that with this in mind, he has been able to rehabilitate himself mentally and emotionally during his incarceration. I also advise him to be persistent in his determination to continually improve himself. Personal improvement requires action and thought on a daily basis.

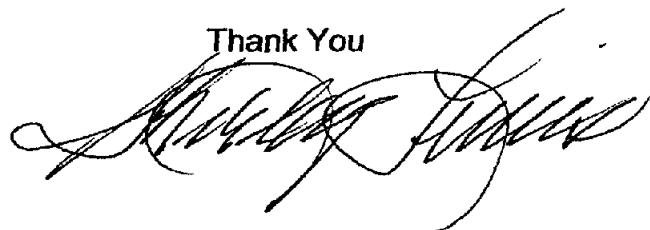
Sam has become an articulate, expressive and intelligent young man. I am extremely happy that he has decided to use his time wisely to improve himself. He made a commitment to himself and his family to be a better person. Sam has also made a commitment to be a model citizen when he is granted a release. Being a father has helped him to realize that commitments such as these are important. Sam wishes to be more involved with his daughter's life and knows that her success relies on him fulfilling his commitments.

There are benefits awaiting Sam, once he is released. Sam wishes to continue his education, and therefore, I have agreed to personally finance his continued efforts for a degree in higher education. In addition, Sam will reside with his new wife. This is a benefit, in that, he will not be returning to the neighborhood in which he grew up and made the wrong choices. If, for whatever reason, Sam was not able to reside with his new wife, I am always willing and available to provide him with residential and financial assistance.

Either way, he will have a real chance for a new start.

Sam's determination along with our willingness to ensure his success should be viewed by the Board as an effective and ideal combination. It should also be viewed as his second chance to prove himself to his family and his community.

Thank You

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Shirley Lewis

cc: Samuel Lewis

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July 25, 2007

Executive Officer  
Board of Prison Terms  
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The purpose of this letter is to update my letter of support dated August 11, 2006, expressing my ongoing support for my brother, Samuel Lewis, inmate # E-05524 (Y-322-L).

We communicate frequently and therefore, he keeps me apprised of his progress. It is my belief that Samuel has had the ability to improve himself morally, academically and professionally over the period of his incarceration. He is regretful for his involvement in those situations that have caused his demise. However, he has used his time to increase his motivation and desires to redeem himself by pursuing education and by becoming an upstanding person. Therefore, I am requesting that, in your consideration of Samuel, your Board grant his release.

Samuel and I very close. As with any healthy sibling relationship, we often have lengthy debates on current events, politics and religion. Over the years his views and analysis with regards to issues have impressed me. He is able to rationally develop arguments for or against certain issues and then verbally express how he reaches conclusions that are sound and valid. Since I consider myself a "great debater", his ability to deliberate or contest my ideas with compelling reasoning, has forced me to acknowledge how successful he has been in his own professional and personal development.

Samuel has gained improvements in other areas as well. His attitude and overall outlook on life is positive. Samuel lives by the belief that he will have the opportunity to be a

productive citizen and live a law-abiding lifestyle. He also knows that his commitment to seek higher education will assist him in obtaining these goals.

Samuel's appearance and personal physical awareness have also improved tremendously over the years. He is more health conscious with regard to the foods he will consume as well as with the need to consistently participate in physical exercise.

Samuel is a parent of a daughter. Her name is Destiny. Throughout his incarceration he has been a positive influence on her. He relays his life lessons to her and advises her on many issues. Their relationship has blossomed over the years. Samuel has expressed his feelings of regret for not being able to raise Destiny, hands-on, due to his actions. He realizes that his inability to be physically available to his daughter is another way in which he has paid for his transgressions.

Samuel also has a wife who loves him very much. Her name is Lisa. They were married on March 19, 2005. Lisa is beautiful person who is genuinely concerned with Samuel's well-being and has been very supportive of him. She has been a member of our family for over a year and we love her dearly.

Samuel can look forward to receiving assistance from me and all of his family members while pursuing his dream. I am personally available to provide him with room, board, financial assistance and transportation. I will also assist him in anyway I can to obtain his desired goal employed as a paralegal or starting his own business as a freelance paralegal.

In addition, the Maxine Waters Employment Preparation Center (EPC), in Los Angeles, offers vocational training in auto body repair, automotive repair, cable fiber optics, certified nursing assistant, cosmetology, computer occupations, customized bank teller, electronic computer repair, house and apartment repair, licensed vocational nursing, network operator technician, clerical office careers and medical office careers. I have personally

visited this facility to learn more about the program. EPC certifies students after 12 months of training. They also assist with job placement after certification.

It is my goal to locate a program or services offering Samuel full transitional services. I am a firm believer that released ex-cons should be prepared to deal with the outside world in order to become happy, well-adjusted and productive citizens.

I feel it is my and my family's responsibility to ensure that Samuel is successful, if he is released. I understand that these opportunities are rare. However, with Samuel's determination and a strong foundation at home to work with, I know he will be successful if given the opportunity.

Your attention and consideration to my request on Samuel's behalf is appreciated.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You

Tracy Franklin

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cc: Samuel Lewis

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July 12, 2007

Executive Officer  
Board of Parole Hearings  
3336 Bradshaw Rd. # 225  
Sacramento, CA 95827

To all concerned,

This letter is to update my August 17, 2006 letter of support advising you of my continued support for my brother, Samuel Lewis (Sam), inmate # E-05542(Y-322-L).

If you were to release my brother, he will have my full support with support and financially. My family and I are prepared to assist Samuel with the emotional and spiritual he will need upon his release.

Samuel has proven his determination in returning home by staying focused and has proven that he will be an upstanding citizen when released. I am humbly requesting that your board review my brother's entire improvement when determining his release. I am sure that if you actively and consciously his overall improvement you will see his determination to continue on his path of improvement. His accomplishments have shown to be consistent, motivated and focused.

Whenever I am facing a dilemma and I turn to my brother he always reminds me to stay focused on the prize and to always put my contoured faith in God. My brother expresses his regret to me for his past behavior and letting me down. But in turn he has consistently shown to me his dedication to make up for his behavior by making the best of his time now. He has told me that he has accepted responsibility for his past behavior and now works hard everyday to become a better person for his family, society and himself.

Often, over the years it amazes me how he is able to stay so faithful and motivated whenever I need him. I know and truly believe he has been rehabilitated. I would have



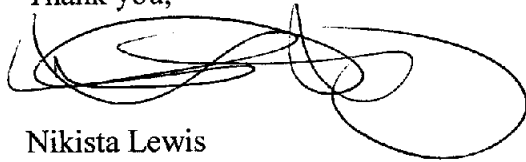
never wanted my brother to have gone to jail but I can say one thing that it did for me and my family "It has brought a lost boy back to his family a found man".

Sam has been blessed to find someone who truly loves him. Sam married Lisa on March 9, 2005. She visits him every weekend, and stays in constant contact with us. I am truly happy to have her as a part of our family.

Samuel has become a reliable, consistent, efficient man. He is positive, optimistic and God fearing. I pray that God may grant you his peace that is beyond understanding and is able to keep your heart and mine through Christ Jesus and allow you to make the right decision for Samuel.

Samuel's goal is to come home and become an asset to his family, church and his community. Samuel plans on obtaining employment and helping his family upon his release. Please allow Samuel to be there for his family and prove his commitment to society.

Thank you,

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Nikista Lewis

Cc: Samuel Lewis

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June 05, 2007

Executive Officer  
Board of Parole Hearings  
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Dear Board Members,

This is the fourth letter I am submitting on behalf of my nephew. I am the uncle of Samuel Lewis who cares very much for my nephew. I have known from birth. My children and my nephew grew up together and had very good morals.

My nephew has a very good heart, which is the seat of motivation, and he has had a great deal of time to think about the things he learned when he was growing up and he has seen the need to apply them to his life. The things I am talking about applying are Bible principles, which direct a person to obey the laws of the land and having respect for life. My nephew has demonstrated that he is now applying those Bible principles in his life.

The divorce of my nephew's father and mother has had a great effect on him because every child needs a father and mother in their lives, and his mother has done the best she could. Everyone is entitled to one mistake in life, isn't that true? I know my nephew can and will be a productive law abiding citizen of society because of the things he has learned when he was growing up, and how he has again began to apply them to his life.

I will personally help my nephew to be a productive law abiding citizen in society. I am now retired from Olson Supply Company in Los Angeles. I have my own business and I will provide my nephew with employment. I will also provide housing for my nephew and his wife Lisa if the parole plans he has given to you are acceptable.

Thank you very kindly,

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Donald Lewis

# EXHIBIT 15

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****DEPT 100**

Date: APRIL 10, 2008

Honorable: STEVEN R. VAN SICKLEN

Judge

JOSEPH M. PULIDO

Deputy Clerk

NONE

Bailiff

NONE

Reporter

(Parties and Counsel checked if present)

BH005090

In re,

SAMUEL LEWIS,

Petitioner,

On Habeas Corpus

Counsel for Respondent:

Nature of Proceedings: ORDER RE: PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

The Court has read and considered the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed on January 18, 2008 by the Petitioner. Having independently reviewed the record, giving deference to the broad discretion of the Board of Parole Hearings ("Board") in parole matters, the Court concludes that the record contains "some evidence" to support the determination that the Petitioner presents an unreasonable risk of danger to society and is, therefore, not suitable for release on parole. See Cal. Code Reg. Tit. 15, §2402; *In re Rosenkrantz* (2002) 29 Cal.4<sup>th</sup> 616, 667.

The Petitioner was received in the Department of Corrections on January 4, 1989 after a conviction for murder in the second degree. He was sentenced to 15 years to life. His minimum parole eligibility date was February 19, 1998.

The record reflects that on February 15, 1988, the Petitioner argued with Marcos Villegas and challenged him to a fight. Mr. Villegas' brother intervened and the Petitioner threatened to return with his "homeboys". The Petitioner then told some gang members who he associated with about the incident and asked them to assist him. They gave him a sawed-off shotgun and told him that if he shot Mr. Villegas, it would be considered his initiation into the gang. The Petitioner returned to the area where he previously argued with Mr. Villegas and saw him standing among a group of five or six people. The Petitioner fired several shots toward the group, missing Mr. Villegas. However, Shavonne Perry was shot in the back and killed. Additionally, Lavelle Bullard and April Purcell each suffered non-fatal gunshot wounds.

The Board found the Petitioner unsuitable for parole after a parole consideration hearing held on October 1, 2007. The Petitioner was denied parole for one year. The Board concluded that the Petitioner was unsuitable for parole and would pose an unreasonable risk of danger to society and a threat to public safety. The Board based its decision on several factors, including his commitment offense.

The Court finds that there is some evidence to support the Board's findings that the Petitioner's commitment offense killed or injured multiple victims; that it was carried out in a dispassionate and calculated manner; and that his motive was very trivial in relation to the offense. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, §2402, subds. (c)(1)(A), (c)(1)(B) and (c)(1)(E). The Petitioner shot at Mr. Villegas, who was among a crowd of people. Although he did not hit his intended target, he did kill one victim and seriously injured two others. The Petitioner sought the help of gang members who he associated with, agreed to shoot Mr. Villegas as an initiation rite, armed himself with a sawed-off shotgun and returned to the area where he had argued with Mr.

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****DEPT 100**

Date: APRIL 10, 2008

Honorable: STEVEN R. VAN SICKLEN  
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In re,

SAMUEL LEWIS,

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Counsel for Respondent:

Villegas for the purpose of shooting him. These actions were deliberate, planned and calculated and the Petitioner randomly fired into a crowd of unarmed people who posed no threat to him in an execution-style manner. His motive for shooting at the crowd was that he wanted to be initiated into the gang that his friends were in. This was a very trivial motive for killing one person and causing serious bodily injury to two others.

The Board also considered the Petitioner's non-violent prior offenses; his gang association and its relationship to his offense; as well as the seven 115 disciplines that he received prior to 1999, two of which were for violent conduct. While these factors, alone, may not justify a finding of unsuitability, the Board may properly consider them as relevant to a determination of whether the Petitioner is suitable for parole and they do weigh against his suitability. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, §2402(b).

The Board also considered the Petitioner's considerable post-conviction gains, however, they still concluded that the Petitioner would pose an unreasonable threat to public safety. Penal Code §3041(b). The Court finds that there is some evidence to support this determination because of the grave nature of the commitment offense and his prior violent behavior in prison.

The Petitioner contends that the Board violated his plea agreement in considering the facts that his offense injured multiple victims, as the charges of attempted murder of those victims were dismissed according to his plea agreement. This argument is without merit. The Board is clearly permitted to consider this factor, as it is specifically enumerated as a factor tending to show unsuitability in Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, §2402, subd. (c)(1)(A). The Board's consideration did not subject the Petitioner to a greater sentence. The Petitioner pled to an indeterminate sentence, which is, in legal effect, a sentence for the maximum term, unless the parole authority acts to fix a shorter term. See *In re Dannenberg* (2005) 34 Cal.4th 1061, 1097-1098; *In re Honesto* (2005) 130 Cal. App. 4th 81, 92-93. In making this determination, the Board may consider all relevant, reliable information, including non-fatal injuries to victims, even if the Petitioner was not separately convicted of those charges. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, §2402(b).

Accordingly, the petition is denied.

The court order is signed and filed this date. The clerk is directed to give notice.

A true copy of this minute order is sent via U.S. Mail to the following parties:

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES****DEPT 100**

Date: APRIL 10, 2008

Honorable: STEVEN R. VAN SICKLEN

Judge

JOSEPH M. PULIDO

Deputy Clerk

NONE

Bailiff

NONE

Reporter

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BH005090

In re,

SAMUEL LEWIS,

Petitioner,

On Habeas Corpus

Counsel for Respondent:

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E-05524

Correctional Training Facility

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# EXHIBIT 16

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT  
DIVISION TWO

In re SAMUEL LEWIS,  
On Habeas Corpus.

B207575

(Super. Ct. No. A964645)

**ORDER**

THE COURT:

The court has read and considered the petition for writ of habeas corpus filed May 2, 2008. The petition is denied.

COURT OF APPEAL - SECOND DIST.

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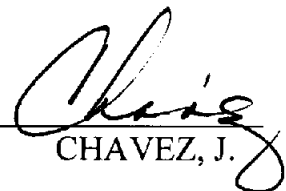
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BOREN, P. J.



DOI TODD, J.



CHAVEZ, J.



Samuel Lewis  
CDC:E-05524  
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Case Number B207575  
Division 2

In re SAMUEL LEWIS on Habeas Corpus.

# EXHIBIT 17

Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Div. 2 - No. B207575  
S163758

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA**

**En Banc**

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In re SAMUEL LEWIS on Habeas Corpus

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The petition for review is denied.

**SUPREME COURT  
FILED**

**JUL 23 2008**

**Frederick K. Ohlrich Clerk**

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**Deputy**

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**GEORGE**  
Chief Justice

**PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL**  
**BY PERSON IN STATE CUSTODY**  
(C.C.P. §§ 1013(A), 2015,5)

I, Samuel Lewis, declare:

I am over 18 years of age and I am party to this action. I am a resident of CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY prison, in the County of Monterrey, State of California. My prison address is:

Samuel Lewis, CDCR #: E-05524  
CORRECTIONAL TRAINING FACILITY  
P.O. BOX 689, CELL #: Y-322-L  
SOLEDAD, CA 93960-0689.

On August 11, 2008, I served the attached:

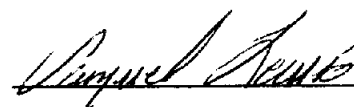
Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and attached Exhibits

on the parties herein by placing true and correct copies thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope (verified by prison staff), with postage thereon fully paid, in the United States Mail in a deposit box so provided at the above-named institution in which I am presently confined. The envelope was addressed as follows:

Clerk of the U.S. District Court  
For the Northern District of California  
450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Box: 36060  
San Francisco, California  
94102

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 11, 2008.

  
Samuel Lewis  
Declarant

LEGAL MAIL

Samuel Lewis  
E-05524 (Y-322-L)  
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